As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942r-yf0w **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-0978</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Paul Kivel

Organization: SURJ--Showing Up for Racial Justice

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942r-en7k Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-0979</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Peter Reynolds

General Comment

I oppose the rules change that would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security.

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

This rules change benefits the NRA, not American National Security! I oppose it.

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-0980</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Mike Andrewjeski

Organization: self

General Comment

No No No No!

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942r-n8n6 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-0981</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

The Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942r-14rt **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-0982</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Amy Haines

General Comment

Please maintain control of Arms and weapons sales through the State Dept. Weapon sales need to be monitored and kept under tight control. Thank you

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942r-htnr Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-0983</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Diana Truax

General Comment

I oppose the rule change that would switch the regulation of firearm exports from the US State Department to the US Commerce Department. Doing this could encourage the sale of large caches of weapons to foreign governments and organizations further endangering the US citizens.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942r-twuy Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-0984</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Lari Tiller Howell

General Comment

I understand that the NRA is pushing for a rule change that would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department (focused on safeguarding our nation) to the U.S. Commerce Department (focused on promoting American business).[1] This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security.

I fear that this would be the undoing of civilizing as we know it. At this point in history, with record unrest, human migration and displacement, adding more arms is disaster to the common man. Governments cannot win, peace cannot win, humanity cannot win. Changing the overseeing cabinet depart from the State to the Commerce department can only be for the purpose of selling death.

All it will do is control population growth. ZPG

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942r-w5q1 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-0985</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: David Varnum

General Comment

Jurisdiction over U.S. gun exports should be kept within the U.S. Department of State, and NOT transferred to the Department of Commerce.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942r-kz9a **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-0986</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942r-izeh Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-0987</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Dori Goldman

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942r-tbjt **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-0988</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Laurie Price

General Comment

No way!! This is the last thing we need. Please, no more.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942r-q01g Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-0989</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Christopher Ivancevic

General Comment

This is an ABSOLUTE HORRIBLE IDEA! Just insane. This idea that one bullet for one pull of the trigger is somehow not worthy of maximum oversight is just naive at the least, and a complete disregard for human life at the worst. The state department must continue to safeguard our nation and oversee all firearm sales. This attempt to switch it to the Commerce Department is nothing more than a reckless money grab at the risk of human lives.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942r-7mf4 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-0990</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Judith Anonymous

General Comment

I strongly oppose the proposed rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942r-iqm3 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-0991</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Donald Rumph

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

Here are more details on how the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

I also believe that the United states has showered more than enough grief on citizens of the world through the excess gifting and sale of military weapons, including firearms but not forgetting shoulder fired rockets. Abrams tanks, F-35 fighters, and the list goes on. WE need to get in the peace business.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942r-4luz Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-0992</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Barbara Wood

General Comment

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942r-aohj Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-0993</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anne Hepfer

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. it would allow more arms to enter the U.S., which would cause more shootings due to the availability.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942r-c4i7 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-0994</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Sandra Woodall

Organization: Lady Freethinker

General Comment

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942r-vctv **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-0995</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Pamela LaRue

General Comment

Our national security comes first. Please keep control of arms sales abroad under control of the State Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942r-2kdm **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-0996</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Vaughan Greene

General Comment

Don't make it easier to export firearms. They usually end up with the wrong people anyway. ENOUGH with guns everywhere.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942r-y1os **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-0997</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Hildy Feen

General Comment

I strongly oppose the rule change that would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department (focused on safeguarding our nation) to the U.S. Commerce Department (focused on promoting American business). This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security. Below are more reasons why the proposed rule change should not be approved:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe. It would impact our national security by facilitating firearms exports to oppressive regimes, removing safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fueling violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration. The world needs less firearms, not more.

Humanity needs less killing, not more.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942r-hdv5 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-0998</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Patricia Dishman

General Comment

Dear Sir:

I strongely oppose the proposal to switch the regulation of firearms from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Department of Commerce. Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

The rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place: It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them. It would also remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking. Additionally it would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

In summary, firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942r-kvrj **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-0999</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. The US State Department is better equipped to keep in mind the security of the USA.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942r-u8z3 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1000</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Rose Aranita

General Comment

The proposed changes to regulating international weapons sales opens the door to increased violence in other countries where human rights are at risk, strengthening of local gangs having access to more dangerous weapons, endangers fragile democracies threatened by tyrannical groups, and increases dangers to civil peace and families. For these reasons, I oppose the shifting of weapons deals to the Commerce Department. The globe and local citizens would be in danger of losing harmonious governance and peace in our families across the world.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942r-9coz **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1001</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Allan Campbell

General Comment

I oppose this rule because it would allow more firearms. Because the regulations should not be changed to the Commerce department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942r-tm3v **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1002</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Robert Thompsson

General Comment

Shifting management of international trade in arms from the state department to commerce is NOT a good idea at all. The commerce platform will shift the focus from common sense safety to selling as many guns as possible. Do not do it. RSTHOMPSON MD

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942r-4rbr Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1003</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Elizabeth Craft

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942r-tj0x **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1004</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: C. Warren Pope

General Comment

This relaxation in export rules for firearms is ridiculous and must be defeated. More guns means more death and more murders. Don't we have enough trouble in the US?

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942r-z14v **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1005</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Lester Stano

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them. [5]

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6] It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942r-z8t2 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1006</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942r-5074 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1007</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: PJ Lents

General Comment

I oppose the rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942r-9a44 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1008</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Clara Salloom

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulation of firearms export from the State Department to the Commerce Department. This change would have serious implications for our national security. Firearms export regulations should continue to be the responsibility of the State Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942r-kjla **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1009</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Christina Duck

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. It's an absolute outrage that this is even happening. We will just be arming more terrorists with weapons. Don't let this happen!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942r-z8lz **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1010</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Franco Ferrer-San Miguel

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942r-fa83 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1011</u> Comment on <u>DOS-2017-0046-0001</u>

Submitter Information

Name: David Sherman

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulation of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

The Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

This rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

- * It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.
- * It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.
- * It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1012</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Arthur Burzykowski

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942r-ifm2 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1013</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: L. Adams

General Comment

I am against changing the regulatory oversight for arms sales to the commerce department. We do not need to be shipping weapons overseas to people like Duterte & Erdogan.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942r-e9bv **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1014</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Terri Coppersmith

General Comment

I oppose the rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

Please do not change the rules that help make our country and our world a safer place.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942r-hav3 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1015</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Catherine Zarate

General Comment

I oppose this rule change.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942r-n0zn Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1016</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942r-439q **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1017</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Nanette griesi

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942r-yp31 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1018</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Jody Benson

General Comment

As a gun owner, former hunter, and former ARCAO (Korea: Camp Henry, Camp Humphries, Camp Casey 71/72 when these bases were primitive), I oppose the rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. I do not want weapons in the hands of terrorists and criminals in other countries that can be used, not only against their own people, but against Americans abroad.

Ive travelled the world and been in many conflict zones, including Afghanistan. The lawlessness of these areas is exacerbated by the fact that everybody owns a weapon. Small arms and light weapons are the preferred weapon of these small-time bullies, drug dealers, and cartels, as well as big-time terrorists like ISIS, al-Qaeda, al-Shabaab, Boko Haram.

Making light weapons (the definition includes: revolvers and self-loading pistols, rifles and carbines, assault rifles, sub-machine guns and light machine guns) available as a commodity anybody can order without any restrictions over the internet, makes it easy for small arms dealers to buy and resell these weapons, the favorites of terrorists, criminals, and drug dealers. We dont want American criminals to have these weapons. Lets not loose them on innocent civilians around the world. Say no to any loosing of any restrictions of exporting weapons. Dont be tone deaf to American values. Americans dont want more foreign threats, any more than we want more communities disrupted by gun violence. Make it harder for these terrorists to get guns, not easier. Keep cheap guns out of the hands of these bullies. Keep American government workers, international corporate workers, and tourists safe from criminals. People over profit.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942r-181p **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1019</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: susan dickerson

General Comment

The NRA and gun manufacturers want guns everywhere, for everyone, not just here in the United States, but around the world. They are pushing hard for a rule change that would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department (focused on safeguarding our nation) to the U.S. Commerce Department (focused on promoting American business).[1] This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security.

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

WE NEED TO BAN ALL SEMI, AUTOMATIC WEAPONS, BUMP STOCKS AND ASSAULT RIFLES/GUNS AND BUY BACK ALL OF THESE WEAPONS OF WAR.

Our country is being destroyed by guns. For the lives of the people, please do not pass this rule change.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942r-mmpd Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1020</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Suzanne Saul

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942r-sv65 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1021</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: James Roberts

General Comment

Recently proposed, suggestion is a tragedy to humankind- expanding USAs reputation as merchant of death to civilians. Bad enough America is already known for it in military weapons.

Gun manufactures, NRA and others are pushing hard for a rule change that would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department (focused on safeguarding our nation) to the U.S. Commerce Department (focused on promoting American business).[1] This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security.

Everything coming out of this administration- coal to soybeans, to auto parts, to steel is labeled national security when true be told its corporate socialism and another white collar federally funded jobs program.

Export of weapons (all types, make, model, purpose) need to remain with State department not commerce.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942r-pm1m Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1022</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: John Keiser

General Comment

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

Please take action to help make America and the world a safer place.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942r-ieu7 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1023</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I oppose this rule change. It is unnecessary and not smart. Good for criminals only. Is this what we want to encourage unlimited bad guys with unlimited weapons with unlimited power? Some rules were not meant to be changed. It takes wisdom to know that. It takes conscience to act upon it and stand up for what is correct.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942r-lysr Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1024</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Marissa Anonymous

General Comment

I oppose this change that would switch the regulation of firearms export from the US State Dept to the US Commerce Dept.

As a conservative, I am not against domestic gun sales, but I am against terrorism, and I feel strongly that national protection is more important than a few bucks of profit. We cannot let gun sales happen to foreign countries without tight regulation, and the US Commerce dept simply does not have the resources to adequately police foreign gun sales.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942r-zzkg Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1025</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Susan Briggs

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey. Firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

This rule would also remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms, made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942r-68pz **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1026</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Rinya Frisbie

General Comment

I am strongly opposed to the proposed rule change that would transfer the oversight of non-military firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department. The proposed rule is supported by the NRA and the only purpose is to increase the profits for the US gun industry--one that loosing support in the USA. The only entity that is requesting this change is the gun lobby and it expects this change will increase firearms exports by 20%. This will put more guns in the hands of terrorists around the world. It is even more dangerous because it moves supervision and oversize to an agency that prioritizes business over national security. The U.S. Congress would also lose its ability to oversee commercial weapons sales of \$1 million or more; this makes no sense. This seems like one more attempt to legitimize semiautomatic assault rifles as civilian products when these battlefield weapons have killed too many civilians already. Please do not approve this blatant corporate giveaway. The world does not need more instruments of mass killing--only the gun lobby would think this is a good idea. We the people are watching as you make these decisions. Please make them wisely as you will be accountable.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942r-29zh **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1027</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Robert Hamm

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942r-zte9 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1028</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Teresa Freedman

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942r-48oe **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1029</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Frank Hannwacker

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms exports from the U.S State Dept. to the U.S Commerce Dept.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942r-ojz4 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1030</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942r-zn53 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1031</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Megan Condit-Chadwick

General Comment

I strongly oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Congress needs oversight of arms sales in order to ensure that the U.S. is not arming countries with human rights violations and those that may threaten our national security. The ban on 3D printing of weapons also needs to stay in place. Thank you.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942r-99i8 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1032</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Natalie Blasco

General Comment

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

I am opposed to this change.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942r-ezaa Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1033</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: John Catherine

General Comment

To Whom It May Concern:

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

The proposed rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place for the following reasons:

- 1. It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.
- 2. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.
- 3. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

Thank you for your considerations.

Sincerely,

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942r-bmgi Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1034</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Margie Wagner

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. We don't need to arm the world; we already have enough problems with firearms and gun violence in our own country. How can we be assured that guns will be in the hands of those in the right rather than our enemies? Have we learned nothing from past mistakes with firearms? Thank you.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942r-6gty Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1035</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: nancy august

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Here are a few of the reasons why:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942r-qq7g **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1036</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

Here are details on how the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5] It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6] It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.[7]

It would totally nullify the ability of the US to keep from arming dangerous foreign nationals, thereby making attacks on US soil far more likely.

This stupid idea to enrich the already rich arms dealers boggles the imagination!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942r-gwya **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1037</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Joyce D

General Comment

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department

would

facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and

terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942r-8gii **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1038</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration. It is unwise to increase access to these weapons domestically or internationally. I very much oppose this rule change as it would do much more harm than good.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942r-mthb **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1039</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: winn wilson

General Comment

I urge the Commerce and State Departments to oppose relaxing rules that would make it easier for U.S. firearm manufacturers to export assault rifles and other guns, with less oversight and accountability. With gun violence killing 1,000 people around the world every day, we should be making it harder, not easier, to export U.S. made weapons of war.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942r-gmo2 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1040</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Jairo Angulo

General Comment

The Founding Fathers never intended for the average citizen to have semi-automatic and fully automatic guns.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942r-vmpg **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1041</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Sue Summerfield

General Comment

We do not need semiautomatic guns in the hands of everyone! There are already too many guns in the hands of irresponsible individuals. Stop the nonsense! Think Compassion!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942r-sr6h **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1042</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Jessica Johnston-Walsh

General Comment

I am totally opposed to changing regulations of gun sale/exports from the U.S. State Dept. to the U.S. Commerce Dept. It would be against security for our country!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942r-kgos **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1043</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Pat Dingleberry

General Comment

I think moving control of international firearms sales from the State Dept. to the Dept. of Commerce would be a huge mistake,

especially because Congress would be out of the loop and this could have serious complications for the international

community.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942r-qrzu **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1044</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Joyce Sanseverino

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Y

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942r-k082 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1045</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Lucy Sommer

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

For God's sake, don't do this. It is a disaster in the making.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942r-myt8 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1046</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Elizabeth Karen Bates

General Comment

I oppose the rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942r-50qh **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1047</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Margaret Quinlan

General Comment

I strenuously oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942r-6wri **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1048</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: laura harness

General Comment

Please keep arms regulations under the DOS

to keep the world a safer place. Unregulated arms sales will increase violence in the world therefore increasing immigrants seeking asylum, such as those from central America. The commerce dept is focused on profit and isn't the appropriate organization to regulate arms sales.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942r-w75y **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1049</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Pat Annoni

General Comment

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

I STRONGLY oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942r-vnpw **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1050</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Kerry Krebill

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

Other very scary aspects of this change are:

- It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, which carries out hundreds of prelicense and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.
- It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.
- It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe. This alone is REALLY terrifying.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942r-t1mr **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1051</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Ben Indig

General Comment

I am writing in opposition to a proposed rule change that would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department (focused on safeguarding our nation) to the U.S. Commerce Department (focused on promoting American business). This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security.

Please do not make the primary focus of international arms sales into an effort to increase American exports of firearms to help American businesses. The primary issue here is and should remain the military consequences of such export sales. As such, the State Department should continue to be in charge of such export licences.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942r-cptb **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1052</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Amy Dewey

General Comment

I oppose switching the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942r-z5j5 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1053</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Joseph Barboza

General Comment

I oppose this proposed rule change... the Commerce Department absolutely should not be regulating international arms sales, period. That is the worst idea to come out of the administration.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942r-3yf9 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1054</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Elizabeth Connors-Keith

General Comment

I oppose the rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S.

Commerce Department. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons

sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns.

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau

of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist

organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American

guns and ammunition.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942r-5ejm Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1055</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: p perry

General Comment

Guns are not the answer to our ills. Please think twice before doing this.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942r-myi3 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1056</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Janet Smarr

General Comment

I strongly oppose the transfer of licensing semiautomatic and other high-powered weapons exports from the U.S. State Department, which is focused on safeguarding our nation, to the U.S. Commerce Department, which is focused on promoting American sales. This would obviously greatly increase the unregulated sale of dangerous weapons to organized crime, tyrannical regimes, and terrorist organizations, making us all less safe. These gun sales would increase the violence that is causing mass migrations and the problems that entails for countries (here or in Europe) that are confronted with large numbers of refugees fleeing violence. Firearms are quite rightly categorized as military, and their export needs to be carefully restrained, not encouraged. Gun companies will profit; everyone else will be seriously harmed.

The proposed transfer would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking to criminal and terrorist purchasers. The Commerce Department does not have the means to check on and enforce regulations on the sale of weapons all over the globe. There will be a free-for-all of arms sales to the people and groups most dangerous to global peace and stability.

Furthermore, the proposed transfer would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. Once instructions for how to 3D print weapons were posted online, the State Department successfully charged the person posting that with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe. More lethal weapons in the wrong hands mean more deaths of good and innocent folk. The proposed transfer of weapon exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department is totally irresponsible and extremely dangerous to the safety of everyone. I strongly urge you to oppose this proposed change.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942r-goxr **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1057</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: J Robuck

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942r-bu84 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1058</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Christina Sullivan

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942r-glfo **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1059</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Georgia Shankel

General Comment

People in my family have dies from gunshot wounds. People are murdered everyday in the City of Chicago. I hear gunshots at night after I go to bed or while I'm watching TV. This has to stop.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942r-w91v **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1060</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Joseph Lawson

General Comment

The regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration. It must not happen!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942r-st71 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1061</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Lauren vreeland long

General Comment

Firearms exports must stay within the state dept and not the commerce dept where it will not have oversight.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942r-7c5f **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1062</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: John Zimmermann

General Comment

I write regarding the pending plan to witch the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department

This is a bad idea that would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

This rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place for several reasons. First, it would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them. Secondly it would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking. Third, it would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms.

When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe. That cannot be good.

Please do not allow the regulation of firearms exports to be taken away from the State Department, such a move would be enormously irresponsible and damaging to the safety of these United States. Thank you.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942r-xo7x **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1063</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: A Patterson

General Comment

I oppose the rule change switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department. That rule change would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration. Please do NOT change it.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942r-cxuo Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1064</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: David Soares Organization: none

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5] It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6] It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.[7] HERES THE LOW DOWN: Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries.[2] With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.[3]

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942s-1z2d **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1065</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Kae Bender

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. The U.S. State Department focuses on safeguarding our nation whereas the U.S. Commerce Department focuses on promoting American business. Clearly the concern of firearms in the wrong hands is of fundamental concern to the State Department, whereas the Commerce Department would only want to sell more arms abroa. We must insist that the security of our nation take precedence over the profits of some arms providers.

Firearms exports are rightly classified as military" and blocking sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries is a reasonable control to prevent the unleashing of weapons into the hands of those who could cause serious harm to human rights, international relations, or even our own national security. Further, commercial export of large caches of American guns and ammunition could make it too easy for firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents to obtain enough weapons to wreak havoc around the world. These are serious concerns.

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. Exporting firearms should be subject to more controls, not less! The Commerce Dept. is NOT ready or able to maintain the stringent controls and oversight that is needed to keep weapons trade restricted enough to handle export licensing, shipment inspections, and other appropriate restrictions on the types, quantities, and categories of firearms exports.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942s-sl87 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1066</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Carol Olivier

General Comment

I reject changing from state dept to commerce department regulation of international gun sales. Everything we do destabilizes the world with violence.it is unconscionable to sell more weapons. Sincerely Carol Olivier

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942s-ulio **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1067</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Steven Boss

General Comment

Don't allow the NRA to dictate what is best for our national interests with this new proposed rule. It will only make the world less safe in the end. So please reject this rule.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942s-do6t **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1068</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Connie Marquez

General Comment

We need more controls over guns and weapons, and fewer of them.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942s-khcv Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1069</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Faye Soares

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5] It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6] It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.[7]

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries.[2] With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.[3]

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942s-ni6g Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1070</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Maryellen Redish

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942s-s5bi **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1071</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Cathleen Scharosch

General Comment

No sale of firearms to foreign countries!!

No change of firearm management from US State Dept to US Commerce Dept!!

There is no common sense in making any of these changes.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942s-9a1x **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1072</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Bree M

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey. The Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

The proposed rule would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them. The risk of trafficking would increase because there would no longer be licensing requirements for brokers.

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

This rule would create more unnecessary chaos and violence.

Keep more controls on guns, not less!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942s-8z8n **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1073</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Mary Kissane

General Comment

I strongly oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration. The rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place.

- 1. It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.
- 2. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.
- 3. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

All of these changes will make the world more dangerous and our country less secure. Please do not enact this rule change.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942s-t0v7 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1074</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: donnasue jacobi

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. those guns will only be used against USA citizens -- try to get a handle on safety.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942s-fvyj **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1075</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Betty Kissilove

General Comment

I very strongly oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with very serious implications for our national security.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942s-18g5 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1076</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Jennifer Dingman

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration. Please keep the regulations of firearm export under the responsibility of the U.S. State Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942s-s53s **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1077</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Andrew Aguiar

General Comment

We dont need more commerce involving the gun trade!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942s-s9uc **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1078</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Francis Fedoroff

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Guns are weapons not commodities. Gun sales require special oversight.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942s-cjj8 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1079</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Kathy Yeomans

General Comment

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less! Guns have only one use and that is to kill.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942s-3tru Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1080</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Edward Esler

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries.[2] With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey. I oppose any rule change here.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942s-2yct **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1081</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: William Maynard

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942s-gp37 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1082</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: robert keenan

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

The rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942s-perh Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1083</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Kathleen Smaluk-Nix

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942s-lx33 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1084</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Bart Ryan

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere.

This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms.

When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

Also...

More guns against America is more guns against America, no matter how thinly or big you slice it for Republicans or for Democrats. Even the Trump administration should realize how destructive and dangerous this really is.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942s-4h0s Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1085</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Kim Myers

General Comment

I strongly oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. How many more people have to be gunned down in the world or will it take the murder of someone in your family for it to finally hit home! I am trying to raise my 7 and 8 year old granddaughters, and if I could move to any other country to escape what is happening to America, I surely would. I do not want to raise them where going to school has become deadly. I am embarrassed to be an American. It is only about the money anymore.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942s-zfry Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1086</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Rene Maas

General Comment

Hi I am a regular working mom whose kids are grown - so I don't worry about them in school now. However, if the State Department gives up control of gun and ammunition sales around the world, there is a terrible tragedy waiting to happen in another country with guns from the US. The State Department has more resources to track large sales and shipments and to keep Congress informed of these developments.

Please keep tracking of worldwide gun sales within the State Department - to keep us and the world safer.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942s-z7k8 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1087</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Jeffrey Greif

General Comment

Firearms exports should continue be classified as "military" and remain under the control of the Department of State. I oppose the proposed rule change.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942s-7lnq Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1088</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch regulations of firearms export from US State Department to US Commerce Department. No! We have too many guns and gun deaths here in the US already.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942s-bvck Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1089</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Lowell Richardson

General Comment

Why would we switch the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department? Our government should not be in the business of promoting lethal firearm sales around the world. We should reducing

We must limit firearms exports to oppressive regimes, not encourage them. We must strengthen safeguards that help keep organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, not weaken them.

Why would our government eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them?

One good example of the danger of unregulated gun sales is the rampent smuggling of guns across the Mexican border. The vast amount of weapons easily available across the boarder, sourced from unregulated American gun shows has turned Mexico into a killing field. We do not need to promote the same death and destruction in other parts of the world by removing licensing requirements for brokers.

And removing the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms BY transferring the authority to the Department of Commerce is simply ridiculous.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942s-j29i **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1090</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Jennifer Zwick

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942s-rux5 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1091</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Tom Secco

General Comment

Do not transfer export license responsibility for semiautomatic weapons etc. to the Commerce Dept. Sane rational people who have foreign policy interests as the basis of their decision making must be in control not the expedient mercenary interests like the NRA that dominate the Commmerce Dept. Their licensing practices would help create violence on a massive global basis, all based on the love of money and their appetite for violence. Stop this movement away from prudence and reason.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942s-6oh4 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1092</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Maria Diaz

General Comment

I oppose the rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Currently, firearms exports are classified as Military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far less hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

The following details on how the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place concerns me:

- -It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program (in place since 1940), which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.
- -It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.
- -It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

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Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

Again, I oppose the rule change because of all the dangers posed; it would make it easier for U.S. gun manufacturers to export firearms.

Please take action to help make our country and our world a safer place. Thank you.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942s-4llc Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1093</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Martha White

General Comment

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942s-5r4g **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1094</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Jim Yarbrough

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulation of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. This rule change would dangerously reduce control and oversight of firearms. Firearms export should continue to be regulated by U.S. State Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942s-ik0p **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1095</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Maureen Knutsen

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

The rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942s-n8up **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1096</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Mary Beth Osnes

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942s-cs02 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1097</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Dennis Alanen Organization: none

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1098</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Samantha Turetsky

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1099</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Dennis Bricker

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942s-m9pj Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1100</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Carolyn Lilly

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department!

Stop the carnage of our children and all people! You have the power and therefore the responsibility!

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942s-9zo1 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1101</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Laurie Meisenheimer

General Comment

I can't even imagine that anyone who has followed the human carnage that arms dealers bring could even think of moving the regulation of selling of firearms from the US State Department to the Dept of Commerce. This is actually even worse than the other dozens of horrible things that have been proposed lately. Its worse than helping the ice caps melt. Its worse than drilling in the artic or putting lobbyists in charge of regulating pollution. Nothing is worse for individual suffering than more firepower. Dont even think about it!!!!!

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1102</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Virgil Pauls

General Comment

The NRA and gun manufacturers want guns everywhere, for everyone, not just here in the United States, but around the world. They are pushing hard for a rule change that would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department (focused on safeguarding our nation) to the U.S. Commerce Department (focused on promoting American business). This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security.

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

Here are more details on how the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department

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successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

Thank you for taking action to help make our country and our world a safer place.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942s-jjq6 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1103</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Sandra Goettling

General Comment

I think giving the gun industry, the right to sell arms internationally, without the state department overseeing the sales is a gobal disaster waiting to happen. Military weapons should only be sold to the military, not citizens.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942s-z7va **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1104</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Charles Kleymeyer

General Comment

I oppose the rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942s-ujzk **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1105</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: jef weisel

General Comment

keep state department in charge of export licenses for weapons, especially semi- and automatic weapons!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942s-14im **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1106</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Mary Alice Lo Cicero

General Comment

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

Further the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

- 1. It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.
- 2. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.
- 3. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942s-8b2k **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1107</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Gail Anonymous

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942s-dewa **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1108</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Lisa Krausz

General Comment

Currently, firearms exports are classified as military. Thus, they are regulated by the State Department. The advantage of the current regulatory system is that Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries, including countries with human rights abuses. With the proposed rule change addressed here. Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, again, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey. This situation would be problematic because it would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking. Further, it would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe, again, posing a serious threat to both national security and potential human rights abuses around the glove. For these reasons, I am against the proposed rule change.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942s-ubl3 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1109</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Barbara Holcomb

General Comment

The US is already one of the largest exporters of weapons. Please do not make this world more violent by enacting the proposed rule.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942s-xo6b **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1110</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Gena DiLabio

General Comment

I strongly oppose switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department because it would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration. The proposed rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe. Please keep the regulation of firearms under the control of the State Department.

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As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942s-jw49 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1111</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Margie Zalesak

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942s-8s1i Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: <u>DOS-2017-0046-0001</u>

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1112</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Nancy Borelli

General Comment

Do not change the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department. The Commerce Department is not equipped to provide oversight of firearms exports. There would be an enormous risk of weapons getting into the hands of dangerous entities, and the world would be a much more dangerous place. Keep the regulation of exported firearms under the watchful eye of the State Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942s-hqvl **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1113</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Bruce Ente

General Comment

I strongly oppose the proposed rule that would shift responsibility for oversight of international arms sales from the Department of State to the Department of Commerce. Widespread export of military grade weapons outside the U.S. poses a serious and credible threat to national security, meaning control should be vested in the State Department not in the Commerce Department whose primary interest is business expansion and profitability. In addition, it is clear that the Commerce Department has neither the staffing levels nor the expertise required to monitor and manage arms sales abroad.

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942s-14ou **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1114</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Beth Levin

General Comment

switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942s-ye5x **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1115</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Sue Whitlock

General Comment

ARE YOU CRAZY?!?! You want semi-automatic machine guns and other military guns in ANYBODY'S hands?!?! We would have no more national security and a lot of people would get killed!! Do not pass this!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942s-298i **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1116</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I oppose switching the regulation of firearms exports from the Sate Department to the Commerce Department. Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration. This is an all around bad idea that would make everyone less safe.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942s-ostj Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1117</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Diana Walker

General Comment

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.[4]

Here are more details on how the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5] It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6] It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.[7]

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1118</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942s-pszn **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1119</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Dan Anonymous

General Comment

The Trump/Pence fascist regime must go!!!!!! In the name of humanity we refuse to accept a fascist America.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942s-9yhu **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1120</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anne Edwards

General Comment

Dear committee:

I am Anne Edwards a resident of California. The export of U.S. made firearms is not a wise or ethical commercial business. Oversight belongs in the U.S.State Department. It is already shameful and frightening enough to have our American people and our new US immigrants shot down by weapons poorly regulated here in the mainland United States. If we allow the export of guns to become a commercial enterprise and not a State Department peace regulated issue, we push more violence on others and ourselves.

"I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Sincerely,

Anne S. Edwards.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942s-7kpa **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1121</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Deborah Meckler

General Comment

I oppose moving the regulation of overseas gun sales from the State Department to the Commerce Department. Guns are for killing people. They are not commodities to be sold like soybeans. They are ugly, killing machines. They should NOT be treated as if they were harmless merchandise. Why are we as a nation promoting killing?

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942s-m6nj **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1122</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anne Jackson

General Comment

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1123</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Nancy Dawson

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. With the rule

change,

Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and TurkeyMeanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition1. It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them. [5]

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe Sincerely,

Nancy Dawson

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942s-zyor **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1124</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Nancy Dickson

General Comment

Please do not open the flood gates of weapon sales to all outside the United States which is what would happen if this became a 'business/commerce' decision rather than, as is the case now, your decision. We should not become arms sellers to the world - including terrorists and oppressive regimes. There are enough weapons in the world already to kill everyone many times over. Let's not make our country the one to add to this.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942s-c1aq Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1125</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Martin Watts

General Comment

Believe it or not, NOBODY else on Earth wants to be like the US! Especially regarding gun laws! Time the government became a lot more like the rest of the human race, and BANNED GUNS from the public!!!

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942s-rjxd Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1126</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Lois Zeidman

General Comment

I am strongly opposed to the change of oversight of international gun sales. The Department of Sate, NOT the Department of Commerce, is the Department that currently is in charge of this and should continue to be to overseeing Department.

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1127</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Linda Premo

General Comment

I oppose this new rule that will change the export of firearms from the US State Department to the US Commerce Department!!!!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942s-qms3 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1128</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Wood

General Comment

I am strongly opposed to the proposal to change the regulation of firearm sales from the state department to the department of commerce. A move like this would likely destabilize many other countries and places in the world by providing easier access to firearms with fewer regulations on who can purchase them and for what purpose. Firearm sales outside of the US are military deals and should be regulated and controlled tightly. I believe the state department is better equipped and prepared to provide this regulation than the commerce department.

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1129</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I am writing to strongly oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. This switch would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration:

- 1. It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.
- 2. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.
- 3. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

This rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place, and I urge you to decide against it. Thank you.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942s-d9jf **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1130</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Walter Bishop

General Comment

The arms that are sold are used to kill people. Charlie Chaplin made the movie, "The Great Dictator" in 1940 as a satire on dictators and war. President Eisenhower warned of the military/industrial complex. This change is to make arms sales easier on the international market for the arms companies profits and the worlds determent.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942s-04bj **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1131</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Jorge De Cecco

General Comment

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

Thanks for rejecting this proposed rule.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942s-7ez7 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1132</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Ruth Sugerman

General Comment

My understanding is that most of the guns and ammunition in Mexico and other Central American countries come from the U.S. Anything that increases this flow of arms to gangs and cartels will send more asylum seekers this way. We must be more responsible about arming criminals abroad.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942s-dm54 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1133 Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Georgeanne Matranga

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

Thank you for your attention to my profoundly grave concerns.

Sincerely, Georgeanne Matranga

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942s-pgwh **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1134</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Dr. Demian

General Comment

DO NOT change the U.S. State Department rules regarding firearms exported from America. DO NOT allow the U.S. Commerce Department to have control of exports.

Thank you.

Dr. Demian

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942s-14mi **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1135</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942s-1v3q **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1136</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Jenny Stanley

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942s-m2qy **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1137</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Amy Anderson

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

These weapons cause loss of life here at home in the US & we do not need to put them in the hands of possible terrorists or others with an agenda against the US. So many groups around the world would immediately use the weapons not for defense but for offense, to support causes the US does not support & take innocent lives. Let's not make it easier for them to get their hands on our weapons!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942s-dun1 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1138</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Marilyn McClure

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. As a nation, we have already exported so many firearms to Mexico and Central America, that we are ruining their societies, making them more violent each day. I know with our present administration and their focus on money-making for the US, to move this to the Commerce Department would do this in so many other countries, as well. We must stop this harmful practice!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942s-wq8q **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1139</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Mary Lindsay

General Comment

I oppose the proposed rule change that would switch the regulation of arms sales from the State Department to the Commerce Department. The US serves as a model by utilizing the special resources of the State Department to assure that arms exports are legal and dont result in international arms sales that may support rogue operators and illegal or terrorist activities abroad. State Department regulation of international arms sales helps assure that this unique type of commerce aligns with American foreign policy. The Commerce Department lacks the expertise and resources needed to provide this same type of oversight.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942t-9pkq **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1140</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Jonathan Boyne

General Comment

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

Here are more details on how the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942t-qwwx **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1141</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Jean King

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

This change would

- 1. eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.
- 2. remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.
- 3. remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. The rule switch would effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the world.

Thank you.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942t-ea7v **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1142</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: phillip pierce

General Comment

do not change the rules just for the NRA!!!!!!!

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942t-ufcj Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1143</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Mark Setterberg

General Comment

Please do not move firearms registration/sales from the US State Department to the Commerce Department. The State Department is much better equipped to handle this task.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942t-d74r **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1144</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: RedLion York

General Comment

Howdy,

Switching the responsibility for overseeing weapons sales from the State Dept to the Commerce Dept is a bad idea for these reasons:

- a) It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.
- b) It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.
- c) It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

The world is dangerous enough. We don't need this change.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942t-6jvl Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1145</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Stephanie Wellemeyer

General Comment

Moving handling of export licensing of weapons shipped overseas from the Department of State to the Department of Commerce would flood the world with military type weapons. Organized crime and terrorist would have almost unrestricted access to high firepower weaponry. Violence prone dictatorships, and countries with few or no human rights protections could indiscriminately murder more of their citizens. Congress would not be automatically informed of large firearms shipments that it may have good reason to ban. Commerce doesn't have the staff or the training to carry out pre-license and post-shipment inspections and submit the required reports. It would also remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the possibility of trafficking, and it would remove the block on 3D printing of firearms. In effect, this would allow anyone with a 3D printer to produce lethal weapons.

Firearms are deadly. They are used to kill people every day, around the world, in acts of political violence, terrorism, organized crime and human rights violations. They must be subject to more controls, not fewer.

I strenuously oppose the rule change that would switch regulation of firearms export from the Department of State to the Department of Commerce.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942t-bgo9 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1146</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. In my opinion, this is a bad decision that could have implications affecting our national security, and should be rejected outright.

Thank you for your time,

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1147</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Jo Coscia

General Comment

I oppose the switch of regulation of firearm sales from the state department to the commerce department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942t-lfcn **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1148</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Phillip Crider Jr

General Comment

This particular change could potentially create a threat to United States national security.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942t-lw09 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1149</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Gerri Battistessa

General Comment

The NRA and gun manufacturers want guns everywhere, for everyone, not just here in the United States, but around the world. They are pushing hard for a rule change that would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department (focused on safeguarding our nation) to the U.S. Commerce Department (focused on promoting American business). This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security.

- 1. It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.
- 2. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.
- 3. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942t-h2wj Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1150</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Arlene Thomas

General Comment

Allowing arms sales outside of the US via the Commerce Dept. is much more of a threat to our national security than small children at our borders. This change further endangers our country...as have so many things proposed by this administration. Out of country arms sales should be regulated with legislative oversight as is currently the case. Do NOT allow this rule change to go forward.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942t-2f43 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1151</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

Please do not transfer regulation of intenational arms sales to the Commerce department. The last thing we need is more international weapons trade. You know many of the guns will end up in the wrong hands and come back to bite us.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942t-3zuu **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1152</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Mary Peery

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. To do otherwise endangers all human beings and leaves the U.S. open to huge liability issues.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942t-jhyj Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1153</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Andrea Bonnett

General Comment

I oppose this rule that would switch regulations from the US State Department to the Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942t-5u9h **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1154</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Jean Schwinberg

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. The U.S. Commerce Department is focused on promoting American business, not on safeguarding the nation, which is the responsibility of the U.S. State Department. This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942t-taiw Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1155</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Susan Mach

General Comment

The handling of export licenses for gun sales needs to stay in the hands of the State Department. The Commerce Department has no business dealing with this issue!

If we allow the NRAto manipulate these changes, the following issues arise:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

Please DO NOT allow these dangerous changes to be bought by a group that is not looking out for the welfare of this country, nor the world!

Thank you.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942t-19sp Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1156</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Bruce Peery

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. To do otherwise endangers all human beings and leaves the U.S. open to huge liability issues.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942t-1n64 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1157</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: David Harrison

General Comment

I oppose this rule change. This transfer of authority from State to Commerce would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security.

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1158</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Wallis Anonymous

General Comment

We are responsible for so much terrorism around the world because of weapons. Turn off the spigots of murder, kidnapping, from Central America, and the world. Bad legislation, which will increase terrorism for all good people of Earth.

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1159</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Gale Green

General Comment

Please do not put the sales of guns in the hands of the U.S. Dept. of Commerce. It is far too big of a responsibility for the people there to be expected to make life and death decisions on the fate of dangerous weapons.

In reality, the responsibility of a governing body is much more in line with reining in the rampant gun industry that threatens the lives of men, women and children everywhere. There needs to be sober thought and discussion before ever risking the lives of many who encounter the dangerous side of weapon proliferation. God be with you.

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1160</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Kathy Magne

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. A move like this will make the world much more dangerous. Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

Here are more details on how the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

- * It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.
- * It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.
- * It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

Firearms should be subject to more controls, not less!

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1161</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Arturo Urista

General Comment

I OPPOSE the rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Presently, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as Turkey and the Philippines.

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far less hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

The rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

- -It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program (in place since 1940), which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.
- -It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.
- -It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized DOSWASHINGTONSUP02785

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crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

Again, I oppose the rule change because of all the dangers posed; it would make it easier for U.S. gun manufacturers to export firearms.

Keep America, our country and our world a safer place! Thank you.

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1162</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Margaret Stofsky

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. The world does not need any more American guns!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942t-9g2w **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1163</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942t-67o9 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1164</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: anonymous anonymous

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942t-1plc **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1165</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Marilyn Ichioka

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security.

The Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942t-soza **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1166</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Mo Kafka

Organization: 262-B Bradford St.

General Comment

Thank you for considering this important concern. Currently, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

It is essential that this rule not be changed as it will not benefit national security or international relations and it will make the world a more dangerous place.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942t-rljn Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1167</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Onishea Aguilera

General Comment

I myself love guns but I do not support these weak gun laws and I never will support the crooked NRA!!!

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942t-g4vl Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1168</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Sean Kelly

General Comment

I strongly oppose shifting firearms oversight from the State Department to the Commerce Department. Streamlining and encouraging the sale of firearms, and reducing inspections and enforcement, is solidly AGAINST the interests of the U.S.:

Internationally, high firearm availability correlates strongly with high firearm violence and fatalities. Making firearms more available WITHIN the U.S. by putting less scrutiny on shipments is the OPPOSITE of what we need to do in a climate of increasing criminal shooting acts.

Many of the most pressing international crises, from conflict in the middle east to the migration crisis from Central America, are fueled by violence utilizing American-made weapons. By making it easier to get American firearms abroad, we are only jeopardizing our OWN national interests.

While it is ultimately impossible to outright prevent individuals from acquiring information to design and/or manufacture firearms and components via 3D printing techniques, it is senseless to remove existing barriers to doing so. More firearms of questionable quality in the hands of more people with questionable training is an absolute recipe for disaster.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942t-yps2 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1169</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Patricia Always

General Comment

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942t-83df **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1170</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Mark Bernard

General Comment

I urge prevention of this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Guns are of killing people, and this is a national security issue, and not just some trade issue.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942t-qxx5 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1171</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Philip Shook

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.[4]

Here are more details on how the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942t-grj4 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1172</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Susan Pasternack

General Comment

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

Here are more details on how the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942t-x60b **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1173</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Pete Wilson

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe. Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942t-9yri **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1174</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anne Gunderson

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942t-t4on **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1175</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Max Nupen

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942t-k0d3 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1176</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Nancy Lemmon

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. It seems IRRESPONSIBLE to hand over such a sensitive matter to our national security to a body focused on commerce.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942t-jtzd **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1177</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Amy Cervene

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1178</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I oppose the change of regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department. I feel this would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration. Firearms are not a mere commodity and need the oversight of the State Department as they are a national security concern.

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1179</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Mary Bissell

General Comment

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

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Here are more details on how the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

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- 3.) It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942t-j9og **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1180</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: John Malcolm

General Comment

Great idea. Let's sell our enemies the weapons they need to use against us. As long as someone is making money, it should be OK (?) Are you out of your goddamned minds?

This is a legitimate question.

John L. Malcolm

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1181</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Thomas Diehl

General Comment

Firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress

can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically

informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are

serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of

Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist

organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns

and ammunition.

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department

would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized

crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942t-p4gr Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1182</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Ron Unger

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

This is a blatant attempt to hide weapons sales from public oversight and to bypass existing controls over weapons exports which benefit no one on earth except the owners of the weapons manufacturing companies.

This rule change is not in the best interest of the people inside or outside of America and should not be approved.

We need less proliferation of weapons around the world, not more. This proposed rule change will result in more death and destruction and physical and psychological damage with no benefit to anyone except a few who will profit handily from the increased sales.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942t-ddqy **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1183</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Marjorie Anonymous

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942t-gv8d **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1184</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Colleen McGlone

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1185</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I oppose changing the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department. That change would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration, making the world a far more dangerous place. The Commerce Department is not equipped to manage the global security issues that the rule change would cause.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942t-1bpx **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1186</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Mary Mobley

General Comment

We MUST stop these guns that are killing our children! NOW!!!!!!!!!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942t-11mt **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1187</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Wendy Walker

General Comment

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5] It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6] It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.[7]

Please do not allow this to happen. BAD idea. Wendy Walker

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942t-kj83 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1188</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Montie Richards

General Comment

I strongly oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department

to the U.S. Commerce Department. This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally,

with serious implications for national security. Weapons could be sold even to countries where there are serious

human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey, and I understand Congress would no longer be automatically

notified so it could stop such sales. Firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and

dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942t-bddb **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1189</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: ELLIOT PLINER

General Comment

I OPPOSE THIS RULE CHANGE THAT WOULD SWITCH THE REGULATIONS OF FIREARMS EXPORT FROM THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT TO THE U.S. COMMERCE DEPARTMENT.

THE COMMERCE DEPARTMENT DOES NOT HAVE THE RESOURCES TO ADEQUATELY ENFORCE EXPORT CONTROLS.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942t-zmw9 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1190</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I urge the Commerce and State Departments to oppose relaxing rules that would make it easier for U.S. firearm manufacturers to export assault rifles and other guns, with less oversight and accountability. With gun violence killing 1,000 people around the world every day, we should be making it harder, not easier, to export U.S. made weapons of war.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942t-bs2l **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1191</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Matthew Boguske

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942t-hpba **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: <u>DOS-2017-0046-0001</u>

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1192</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Katy Paynich

General Comment

I oppose the rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department because switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942t-awuq **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1193</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Justin Mebane

General Comment

This rule change will transfer regulation of foreign arms from the State Department to the Commerce Department - which does not have the resources necessary to keep track of these sales. This would be a major threat to our national security and fuel instability in other countries - increasing migration to the US. This rule needs to be rejected immediately.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942t-c0hb **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1194</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Michael Olcsvary

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Military equipment could very well end up in the hands of people we'd rather not have them.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942u-kene **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: <u>DOS-2017-0046-0001</u>

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1195</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Miriam Dunbar

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. The Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942u-99es **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1196</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Craig Emerick

General Comment

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and

why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the rule change, Congress would no

longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to

countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of

Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist

organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American

guns and ammunition.

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department

would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized

crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes

mass migration.

Here are more details on how the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

1. It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of

pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.

- 2. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.
- 3. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense DOSWASHINGTONSUP02821

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Distributed founder Cody

Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating

arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to

produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence,

terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

Thank you for taking action to help make our country and our world a safer place.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942u-o01r **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1197</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Elliot Ross

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942u-yy53 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: <u>DOS-2017-0046-0001</u>

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1198</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Donia Connell

General Comment

The NRA only cares about making a buck. This switch could and most likely would benefit terrorist groups being funded by corrupt countries.

If the NRA gets their wish, all the countries weve unjustifiably attacked, who with good cause now hate us are certain to have top of the line weapons to kill us with.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942u-63me Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1199</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Robert Heisler

General Comment

Arms sales need to be even more restricted and regulated, not less. US arms sales are contributing to massive terrorism and human rights abuse because of our loose oversight.

.The American people are sick of the control the NRA has over the legislators who swore to protect and uphold the will of the American people. The NRA is and operates as a criminal syndicate with the republican party as it's paid agent in congress.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942u-mm31 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: <u>DOS-2017-0046-0001</u>

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1200</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Linda Wasserman

General Comment

Please do not change the rules about allowing guns into this country. Do not bow to the NRA, You Republicans have done enough of that . I guess you enjoy people getting killed in this country/ another way you are ruining it/only making your pockets great !Shame Shame on Republicans!! History will tell what you have done to this country to ruin it. Linda W RN MN

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942u-rrhh Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1201</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: robert moeller

General Comment

The NRA and gun manufacturers want guns everywhere, for everyone, not just here in the United States, but around the world. They are pushing hard for a rule change that would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department (focused on safeguarding our nation) to the U.S. Commerce Department (focused on promoting American business).[1] This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security.

I OPPOSE THIS PROPOSED CHANGE.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942u-34ro **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1202</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: S Phillips

General Comment

Guns are danger and kill humans. They should not be exported to other countries and risk being obtained illegally through the black market for terrorists and others to obtain them. The safety of humanity is more important than financial gain.

Please do not allow a change in these rules.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942u-u3db Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1203</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Carol Lapetino

General Comment

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942u-eqjp **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: <u>DOS-2017-0046-0001</u>

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1204</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Robert Hall

General Comment

I strongly OPPOSE changing the classification of selling firearms to foreign countries that would switch such sales from the US State Dept. to the US Commerce Dept.

Selling weapons to other countries is not selling a commodity, like wheat; it is selling lethality and this needs the continued oversight of the State Dept.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942u-huz4 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1205</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Deborah Anonymous

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey. Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942u-7zlv **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: <u>DOS-2017-0046-0001</u>

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1206</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anne Ryland-Anderson

General Comment

I oppose any regulation change Regarding the administration of export of guns change over to the Commerce Department. This is definitely something that needs to be under the State department. This is a crucial matter regarding foreign affairs. This is not a commercial matter. To keep our country safe from terrorism and organized crime our state department has always been and should continue to be the correct governing body to regulate export and overseeing a gun sales.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942u-bc97 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1207</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Diana Morgan-Hickey

General Comment

Stop the promotion of guns in the United States or around the world-

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942u-8y2x **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: <u>DOS-2017-0046-0001</u>

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1208</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Andrew Reegen

General Comment

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

Keep the State Department in control of the regulation of firearm's exports.

Thank you

Andrew Reegen

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942u-wi5r Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1209</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Shoshana Katz

General Comment

I understand that it is proposed to move the sale of assault rifles from the state department to the commerce department. If this is allowed to go through we will probably wind up supplying the world, especially all the wild crazies out there with the very best American arms. What happens when we have to send American soldiers to various parts of the world to rein in the crazies. Something is really wrong here.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942u-d5bn **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1210</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Ann Peters

General Comment

I am greatly concerned about the proposed transfer of firearms sales to the Department of Commerce. More than ever before in the history of this nation, firearms are being sold and bought for military purposes, and used by repressive governments and paramilitary groups against their own citizens, not only dissidents but also residents of regions whose resources are being sold off to outside corporations. Gang-like power is proliferating. It is essential that firearms sales be regulated by the State Department, which is concerned about our international relations and the opinion held about the United States in other parts of the world. My own safety as a citizen depends on an improvement in our behavior as a nation.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942u-qm1e Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1211</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anneliese Schultz

General Comment

I oppose any rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. I believe this would be an extremely dangerous, causing arms sales to vastly increase internationally, with serious implications for our national security.

If this change were made, firearms exports to oppressive regimes would be facilitated, safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons would be removed, and the violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration would be fueled!

Please oppose this terrible proposal, and help keep our country safe.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942u-chgl Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1212</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Theodore Voth

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

The NRA and gun manufacturers want guns everywhere, for everyone, not just here in the United States, but around the world. They are pushing hard for a rule change that would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department (focused on safeguarding our nation) to the U.S. Commerce Department (focused on promoting American business). This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security.

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942u-2ihv **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1213</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Janice Wilfing

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration. The Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition. Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942u-9n69 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1214</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Lesli Clements

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942u-3vmq **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1215</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Elaine Fischer

General Comment

It is INSANE to sell guns to everyone and not expect them to be turned on us! Please do NOT loosen the rules for firearms export, just to allow for greedy Corporate Profit.

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military (as they should be). This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

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I, II, and III

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1216</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Alex Escott

General Comment

Hi i am a Gun owner and I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. thankyou for reading

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1217</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Lauren Schiffman

General Comment

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less! I oppose the proposed changes.

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I, II, and III

Comment On: <u>DOS-2017-0046-0001</u>

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1218</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Betty Winholtz

General Comment

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries.

With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

But this is not just dangerous for people in other countries: weapons made here can be used against us by outsiders.

What are you thinking!

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1219</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Stephanie Stout

General Comment

I do not want the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault rifles and other powerful military style firearms moved from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Regardless of how profitable the sales of more US made weapons would be to our firearms manufacturers, producing and selling more weapons to more nations of our violent planet would ultimately undermine US safety and security. Criminals and terrorists would use these additional weapons to prey upon Americans and our friends abroad and in our own country. There are already too many weapons loose in the world already. I am a retired US Army combat veteran, and I served to protect my country and our allies and friends, not to promote the profits of GREEDY multi-national corporations. Furthermore, our arms industry should be completely nationalized in order to produce necessary weapons and military equipment for our forces and those of our allies at lower cost and remove the profit motive for selling weapons of war.

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I, II, and III

Comment On: <u>DOS-2017-0046-0001</u>

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1220</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: James Haguewood

General Comment

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

Thank you for taking action to help make our country and our world a safer place.

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1221</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Clay Woody

General Comment

The gun industry is not content, it seems, with unleashing death and maiming on US citizens; now they want to export our violence--all in the name of greed.

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1222</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Tiffany Freer

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1223</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Will Branch

General Comment

I oppose the proposed rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. This change may be beneficial to American business, but it is detrimental to American security.

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Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1224</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Antonio Suico

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942v-s11o **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1225</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: C Lenihan

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the rule change the NRA is pushing for, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

The Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

In addition, the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

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II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1226</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Jeanne Graffin

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military under the regulation of the State Department, and Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the proposed rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration. It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1227</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Doreen Cameron

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942v-5mdj **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1228 Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Harold Johnsen

General Comment

The CORRUPT and IDIOTIC proposal to switch the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes; would remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons; and would further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the CORRUPT and INCREDIBLY STUPID proposed rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

The CORRUPT and DANGEROUS proposal to switch the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and PUBLICLY REPORTS on them.

The CORRUPT and DANGEROUS proposal would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking. The CORRUPT and DANGEROUS proposal would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The CORRUPT and DANGEROUS proposal would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

The Pence and Trump Republican nation-robbing cabal is NOT TO BE TRUSTED! STOP this CORRUPT and DANGEROUS proposal NOW!

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1229</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Stella Kostopoulos

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1230</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Barbara Johns

General Comment

We oppose this deal with the NRA. The NRA has no right to do this. We will continue to speak out and speak out we will. We demand answers right now. We demand the truth right now. This is a very big deal now. This is a very serious matter and issue right now. How does this make it safe? It does not make it safe. This will not go away anytime soon. Gun control has been a huge issue right now. The NRA has their hands in things they shouldn't have in. We don't have a safe America anymore. Our children don't feel safe in School anymore. How does this make it right? It does not make it right. We are here to make sure that our schools are safe. We are here to make sure that we feel safe outside of our homes whether it would be in parking lots, malls, movie theaters, churchs, walking, parks and play grounds. We need to make sure that everyday people don't have to fear for their lives anymore. Criminals and guns do not mix. Keep the guns off the streets. Guns are not toys. Guns are dangerous. Whatever happened to safety first? Whatever happened to respect and common sense? Whatever happened to morals and values? To many innocent lives have been taken already. Families of the victims are upset, angry and frustrated on how the NRA is truly acting. We are all upset on how the NRA is acting these days. It is truly unfair to us. It is unfair to the families that lost loved ones. We will keep making noise until things change for the better. Whatever happened to the gun laws? The laws that we have now don't even work anymore. We are looking out for the families that lost loved ones. No one else seems to care anymore! Why is that? We are very disappointed in our government and lawmakers. We don't want to see anymore innocent people killed. Is this to much to ask? Think is the children and the schools!

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1231</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Edward LeBlanc

General Comment

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1232</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Nola Hansen

General Comment

I am opposed to the rule change that would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department (focused on safeguarding our nation) to the U.S. Commerce Department (focused on promoting American business).[1] This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security!

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries.[2] With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.[3]

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.[4]

Here are more details on how the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5]

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It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6] It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the

Firearms are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less! We need to make the world a safer place. I am opposed to this rule change. Please dont do it. Our safety is more important than gun makers making more money.

- [1] Trump move would make it easier for U.S. gun manufacturers to export firearms, The Washington Times, May 14, 2018.
- [2] Trump wants to make foreign arms sales easier, The Boston Globe, June 23, 2018.
- [3] Ibid., The Boston Globe
- [4] American Guns Drive the Migrant Crisis That Trump Wants to Fix With a Wall, The Trace, May 25, 2017.

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1233</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Dave Kisor

General Comment

Safety is not what the NRA and the gun industry are concerned with. It's sales. They don't care who shoots who, they only see their profit margin going through the roof. The only problem is there are already too many guns out there already. The only positive here is American weapons tend to jam more often than European and Asian weapons, so the American profit margin probably won't be as high as they would like. To that end, the American manufacturers will undoubtedly whine like babies about unfair competition. American manufacturers don't focus on efficiency, but rather mega sales; whereas, European and Asian manufacturers strive for efficiency. During WW2, the Luftwaffe had Rhinemetal design and build a 30MM cannon for their fighters that could take down a bomber with 5 to 7 rounds outside of the range of our 50 calibers and they did it. Bomber crews called it the Jackhammer and it terrified them. A Soviet Sergeant named Kalishnakov acquired a German machine gun on the Eastern front and made some modifications. It was used in the early part of the Korean Conflict and the Army wasn't concerned. After Shenyang got it and put a sealed receiver group in it, our Armed Forces became very concerned over this new weapon, that was to become the most widely used a popular weapon in the world today, the AK-47. Don't expect American weapons to replace that anytime soon.

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I, II, and III

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1234</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Alan McKnight

General Comment

I strongly oppose the rule change that would move control of export licenses for firearms from the State Department to the Commerce Department. The Commerce Department is not equipped to prevent the sale of firearms to foreign countries where violence and crime and military conflict are rife. Semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms can destabilize these foreign regions and cause populations to flee across borders to save their lives. The State Department knows where arms should not be exported to, and it is responsible for protecting Americans from the impacts violence elsewhere, including organized crime, civil unrest and terrorism. The Commerce Department, on the other hand, is focused on promoting businesses, has little incentive to block sales, and lacks the staff to track hotspots where exporting firearms could be harmful and dangerous to our interests.

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1235</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Mary McLaughlin Sta. Maria

General Comment

I oppose switching control of firearms from the State to the Commerce dept. Be ashamed if money is worth that to you.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942v-j8b2 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1236</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Diane Sparks

General Comment

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.[4]

Here are more details on how the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5] It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6] It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.[7]

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1237</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Gloria Morrison Organization: TMPA

General Comment

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1238</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: William Baker

General Comment

I am appalled at the idea of removing regulation of firearms exports, which would be the practical effect of having the Commerce Department "regulate" firearms sales. This opens the door to gun purchases by terrorists and repressive regimes, with no congressional oversight. Selling weapons to terrorists is a dumb way for gun manufacturers to make a buck, but obviously that's all they care about.

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1239</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Susan Vanderborg

General Comment

Do not move the export licensing of assault weapons to Commerce. This is a military threat, not a regular business transaction.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942w-r1om **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1240</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: emilia novo

General Comment

Dear sirs:

I am appalled by the proposed rule change that would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department to the Commerce Department. This basically means that a set of controls to guarantee that American weapons would not end up in terrorists hands will disappear. This change would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. Think of a world where any terrorist bent on destroying the USA was easy access to American weapons. Is this the world you want to create?

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942w-sys7 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1241</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Linda Quinet

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security. Moving the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department (focused on safeguarding our nation) to the U.S. Commerce Department (focused on promoting American business) is the NRAs wildest dream and regular citizens worst nightmare.

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1242</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Stephanie LAUENSTEIN

General Comment

I oppose this proposed rule for the following reasons:

Once the State Departments Blue Lantern program would be eliminated, the pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports we desparately need to be informed of, would also be gone. Removing licensing requirements for brokers bears a great risk of increasing trafficking. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

The USA has more firearms than people. What for?

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1243</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Elaine Friedland Organization: none

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5] It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6] It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942w-xocv **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1244</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Art Hanson

General Comment

I strongly oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less.

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1245</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: David Benson

General Comment

I strenuously oppose this proposed rule change

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942w-bbx7 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1246</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Timothy Beitel

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942w-zmnu **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1247</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: peggy varnado

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. As a lifelong teacher, I know that we need more STRINGENT gun safety measures. A ploy to make it easier to sell guns and automatic weapons in particular is grotesque in light of the shootings that occur every few days in this country with ridiculously ineffective regulations on guns. How many more people have to die by gunfire to make the regulations tighter not more lax. Please show some courage and integrity and do not put arms regulations in the hands of the very businesses who profit from gun sales. My question is who thinks this is a good idea, who will profit from it, and why can't we get common sense gun laws in place before the next group of students, workers, first graders, movie goers, people walking down the streets of our nation are slaughtered with guns that have no place in civilian hands?

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942w-6n7j **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1248</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Natasha Hopkins

General Comment

As a constituent concerned with both the security of our nation and the epidemic of gun violence plaguing America, I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department for the following reasons:

Firearms exports, at present, are classified as military hence the reason they are under the regulation of the State Department; and the reason Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns.

The Commerce Department does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

In order to ensure the security of our nation and to minimize gun-related tragedies, I urge the U.S. Department of State to abandon the proposed International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III rule.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942w-3cym Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1249</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Marie L

General Comment

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942w-gdq3 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1250</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Pierre L

General Comment

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942w-lusr Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1251</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Lena H

General Comment

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942w-apc2 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1252</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942w-ulhc **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: <u>DOS-2017-0046-0001</u>

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1253</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

Trump wants to make it easier to export guns. Guns are dangerous; they kill people. There should be more controls, not less.

Therefore, I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulation of firearms export from the US State Department to the US Commerce Department.

The US Commerce Department is ill-equipped to handle the responsibility & the huge process.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942w-y7o7 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1254</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Donald Goldhamer

General Comment

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

Firearms are not mere commodities and the Commerce Department is unequipped to properly control their movement.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942w-31me Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1255</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Elizabeth Schroder

General Comment

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less! I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942x-d6ck **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: <u>DOS-2017-0046-0001</u>

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1256</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Jim Weaver

General Comment

We need to limit the spread of weapons of war beyond our borders. This is a national security issue. Corporations seeking to profit from the sale of arms overseas are placing their profits before the American people. This is a clear threat to Americans everywhere.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942x-vamq **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: <u>DOS-2017-0046-0001</u>

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1257</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: J.T. Smith

General Comment

Reality check: Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to far more controls, not less!

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942x-v2ie Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1258</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Donna Minster, SSJ

General Comment

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.[4]

Here are more details on how the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5] It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6] It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.[7]

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1259</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Cynthia Mastro

General Comment

I oppose the rule change that would allow the Dept. of Commerce to regulate arms shipments.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942x-boyj Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1260</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

Please keep the regulations on firearms strict and for the safety of citizens. As a matter of fact please tighten up loopholes. Moving the management of guns to another dept. focused on business is a bad move.

Where is the care and concern for citizen's rights, the right to feel safe in school, the right for those who have been physically threatened to be safe?

Let's get real and keep any regulations in place and increase safeguards where they are needed. For instance longer wait times for purchase while a thorough check is done. Stronger actions in response to online or other kinds of threats made regarding shooting. Let's protect our citizens! Thanks for listening, Mindy

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942x-klch Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1261</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: John Cooper

General Comment

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942x-jsi4 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1262</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Michael Dinowitz

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. This transfer does almost nothing for the citizen while creating opportunity for industrial profit for the firearms industry and NRA. It also removes Congressional ability to oversee and help regulate fire arms sales.

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries.

With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey. Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

This rule change must be opposed and defeated for the safety of all people both in the US and the world.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942x-ox0g **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1263</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Greg Asbed

General Comment

The rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1264</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Lee Michelsen

General Comment

I am very concerned with proposed legislation to change the control of exporting firearms from the State Department to the Commerce Department. Some of the deleterious effects would be:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the glob Most Sincerely

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1265</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Marie Pabianova

General Comment

I object to the latest proposal regarding firearms production and export! Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942x-phaz Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: <u>DOS-2017-0046-0001</u>

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1266</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Elizabeth McCarney

General Comment

I am opposed to changing the way gun sales are regulated. I don't believe the dept of commerce should be in chat get of selling military weapons throughout the world. I want congress and the American people to be aware of who's buying weapons from us and for what purposes.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942x-sp4f **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1267</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Jose Greco

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942y-4yox **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1268</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Janet Tyndall

General Comment

I strongly oppose the rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942y-fhkz **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1269</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Tara Poelzing

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

The State Department focuses on safeguarding our nation while the Commerce Department focuses primarily on promoting business.

In the case of firearms, safety should come first and foremost. The potential to move more weapons in the hands of additional dangerous people and regimes must be considered and immediately addressed. This is the first and easiest step to avoid that situation. Oppose the rule change!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942y-a25j **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: <u>DOS-2017-0046-0001</u>

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1270</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Carlos Cunha

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. It is clear that one of the reasons Mexico is having so many problems is because of the outflow of American firearms to the country. This rule change will facilitate the process in Mexico and other countries leading to more crime and more immigrants fleeing to the US:

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I, II, and III

Comment On: <u>DOS-2017-0046-0001</u>

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1271</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Paula Sjunneson

General Comment

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

Thank you for taking action to help make our country and our world a safer place.

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1272</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Wendi Smith

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1273</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: E Resnik

General Comment

Keep gun sales under the Department of State for the safety of all Anericans

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942y-xl9k Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1274</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Gavi Stevens

General Comment

So now the NRA is trying to dictate foreign policy for our government and what to sell overseas. That is just how arrogant they are and how much they think they control this administration and Congress. This overreach by an organization that has grown into one that tries to control governments from the local to the national has to be stopped before they become the puppet master of our country. We can't allow an organization whose sole purpose is to put lethal weapons into the hands of as many people as possible to dictate police to our leaders. Allowing increased exporting of assault weapons overseas just means that more insurgents will be using those weapons against us, our military forces and our allies forces, causing that many more deaths and injuries. Is that what you want to be known for? Allowing those young men to die or be wounded unnecessarily just to benefit one organization's lust for power? I can only hope not.

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1275</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Sarah Martin-Haynor

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942y-pcfe Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1276</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Mary Kuck

General Comment

I strongly oppose this rule that will transfer the sale of arms from the State Department to the Commerce Department. Having lived in the Caribbean for 23 years, I see how the sale of illegal arms has created instability in these countries. If they can buy more legally, we will have created the violent situations that are causing the flow of immigrants to our country. If they cannot come to us, where will the victims of this violence go?

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.[4]

Here are more details on how the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5] It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6] It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.[7]

The State Department must continue to oversee the sale of arms, and not remove the restrictions above.

Thank you. Mary Kuck

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1277</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Lucy Paschke

General Comment

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1278 Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

The NRA is trying to pull another fast one, and we need all engaged and committed gun safety advocates to take the time to read through the details of this alert and take action!

The NRA and gun manufacturers want guns everywhere, for everyone, not just here in the United States, but around the world. They are pushing hard for a rule change that would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department (focused on safeguarding our nation) to the U.S. Commerce Department (focused on promoting American business).[1] This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security.

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries.[2] With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.[3]

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1279</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Sarah McKee

General Comment

Sales of armaments are special. The only purpose of armaments is to kill people. At least, with State in charge of OKing arms sales abroad, it can nix sales to countries and people likely to kill the wrong people with them. This is in part because State knows who they are. So it has at least a tenuous ability to control arms sales likely to contribute to world destabilization.

Commerce has none of this capacity. It is concerned with profits to American companies, I believe. Well, sales of armaments are profitable -- to the armaments corporations. They of course are far less profitable to the resulting foreign dead.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942y-gd8o **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1280</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Jason Anonymous

General Comment

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

The proposed rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place. It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942y-hu6s Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1281 Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

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International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1282</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Margaret Heatherly

General Comment

You want more unregulated weapons to kill men, women and children. You want more unregulated weapons to cause death and destruction? You more more unregulated weapons to destabilize the world? You want more unregulated weapons to make it harder for everyone and encourage terrorism?

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942y-95ef **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: <u>DOS-2017-0046-0001</u>

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1283</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Karen Boehler

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

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As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942y-evkk Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1284</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: M Hewitt

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Do not cave in to gun advocates. Stop the nonsensical proliferation of weapons!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942y-7cfs **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: <u>DOS-2017-0046-0001</u>

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1285</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Nancy Loftin

General Comment

SO JUST WHO ARE YOU WORKING FOR THE PEOPLE OF AMERICA OR THE GREEDY NRA A KNOWN DOMESTIC TERRORIST GROUP WHO CONTINUES TO BRIBE OFFICIALS!!!! PROVE THAT YOU ACTUALLY HAVE ETHICS, MORALS AND SCRUPLES AND STOP THE SALES OF THE MACHINES OF WAR, DEATH AND DESTRUCTION!!!!!!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942y-7kuf **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1286</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Sally Archibald

General Comment

I am submitting this comment in strong opposition to the proposed rule to transfer oversight of small arms (firearms) exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department. This rule would make U.S. exports of small arms far more dangerous by transferring controls to an agency that prioritizes doing business over safeguarding national security. The rules elimination of congressional oversight of commercial weapons sales of \$1 million or more is also reckless. This rule has one purpose only: to garner profits for a U.S. gun industry that is faring poorly in the domestic market. It comes after years of lobbying by the NRA and National Shooting Sports Foundation. No one elsed asked for it or wanted it. The NSSF, the trade group for the gun industry, has already boasted the rule would lead to a 20% increase in American gun exports. We see the gun lobbys influence in the rules description of semiautomatic assault rifles like the AR-15 as civilian products. These weapons were not designed for household use, they were designed to kill en masse on the battlefield. That is why they are the weapons of choice for mass shooters. If you go forward with this disastrous policy, I will do everything in my powerpeacefully and democraticallyto hold your leadership accountable for the resulting global bloodshed. That will include advocating against your budget priorities across-the-board until a new, non-corrupt administration can come in and clean house.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942y-ytt0 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1287</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Jno Hunt

General Comment

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1288</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: A Davis

General Comment

I absolutely 100% oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942y-y7rv **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1289</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Nancy Hess

General Comment

I oppose changing gun trafficking from the State Department to the Commerce Department

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942y-8qps **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1290</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I support having the State Department continued control of weapons accountability to foriegn countries.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942y-ghcj **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1291</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Bruce Spring

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1292</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Meredith Dodson

General Comment

As a parent and taxpayer, I strongly oppose switching the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1293</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Tracy Burroughs

General Comment

I am completely opposed to moving control of firearms sake from the Department of State to the Commerce Department. Supplying arms as a purely financial move is to place all decisions in the position of being about making money instead of where it belongs - as a national security risk. This is a terrible idea!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942y-07pg **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1294</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Esther Allman

General Comment

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.[4]

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As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942y-grne **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1295</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Felicia Bruce

General Comment

Switching firearms sales from DOS to Commerce is a bad idea. It compromises our national security! Of course the DOS should be aware of gun sales! Selling arms is an act of military concern, not trade! Gangs, terrorists and other nefarious organizations profit from the sale of firearms. To treat it as trade is absurd.

Clearly I oppose this change as any patriot should.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942y-aifs Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1296</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Sandy Irving

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. This will hurt our national security.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942y-42hd **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1297</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Amy Holt

General Comment

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942y-9h11 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1298</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Beverly Conway

General Comment

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less! I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942y-3qbu **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1299</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I had been under the impression that this administration was against foreign terrorists and foreign criminals who could hurt American citizens. Deregulating weapons sales to foreign buyers makes America less safe.

Part of the mess in Afghanistan was because they had weapons we sold them when we were trying to take out the USSR. Then voila, Taliban!

Because we have legal gun ownership in this country, we have a very active market for guns and American-made weaponry is very high quality. Do we really want it to be easy for those weapons to get in the hands of the next Osama bin Laden?

Oh, I see. Obama killed bin Laden, therefore bin Laden must not have been that bad, and we should encourage more terrorists to continue erasing Obama's legacy. Because MAGA means Make America Vulnerable Again, right?

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942y-pqtq **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1300</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

Thank you for taking action to help make our country and our world a safer place.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942z-m0v7 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1301</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Marjorie Girth

General Comment

I oppose this proposed rule, which would change the management of this program from the Department of State to the Department of Commerce.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942z-2lfx **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1302</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Charity Perry

General Comment

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942z-g5d5 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1303</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Keith Kinder

General Comment

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942z-l0ah **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1304</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Ron Kardos

General Comment

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

Thank you for taking action to help make our country and our world a safer place.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942z-sw0a **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1305</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Carolyn Dipboye

General Comment

I am extremely extremely opposed to moving oversight of export of weapons from the State Department to the Commerce Department. Given the situation in our own country and the situation in Mexico and Central American countries due to lax regulation on firearms in our country, this is exactly the wrong move in that it would enable the acceleration of gun violence. I strongly urge you to resist this move. We are at a time when more effective regulation on firearms is critical. We are not at a point where making more money on guns could possibly be beneficial to anyone other than the manufacturers. Please resist this change!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942z-uxfm **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1306</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Denis Graves

General Comment

Changing the oversight of gun sales from the State Deaprtment to the Commerce Department is a very bad idea. It will mean more guns available to potential terrorists etc.

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1307</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Kevin O'Donnell

Organization: MomsRising.org Government Agency Type: Federal Government Agency: USCIS

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

Here are more details on how the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5] It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6] It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.[7]

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942z-rkoa Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1308</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Rebecca Anonymous

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less! Do not let the NRA run OUR government for gun manufacturers profit.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942z-sszq Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1309</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: LeeAnn Chastain

General Comment

I adamantly oppose switching the regulation and exportation of gun sales from the US Department of State to the Department of Commerce. Arming the world with even more guns will only result in greater societal disasters as the criminal elements become even more powerful and use these weapons to control the law-abiding populations of the world.

We would be exporting the means for mass shootings and daily carnage that we have in this country, merely so the NRA could become more powerful and gun manufacturers could reap more profit.

We must not make this change, for our protection here in the United States and for the good of the world.

Please oppose this change and carefully regulate any exportation of guns and ammunition.

Thank you.

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Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1310</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Michael Miller

General Comment

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Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1311</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Louise Backer

General Comment

I oppose the rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration. This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security.

The rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place because:

- 1. It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program which carries out hundreds of prelicense and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.
- 2. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.
- 3. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms and enable 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

Firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

We dont need more guns in the world or in the United States. We need more oversight to make sure the wrong people dont obtain guns and ammunition.

Why are we helping the US gun industry [NRA] with this proposed change? They should not be the ones to benefit at the incredible expense of innocent peoples safety.

This is morally wrong and unethical. Please do not make the rule change. Do not be beholden to the NRA and the gun industry just because they want to fill their pockets with the profits from the sales. Think of the innocent people who would be impacted adversely.

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Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

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Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1312</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Beryl Filton

General Comment

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.[4]

Here are more details on how the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5] It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6] It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.[7]

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942z-p27f **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1313</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Jessica Roeder

General Comment

I oppose moving the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department. Doing so would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents such as organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration. This change is not in the best interest of our people, or anyone's people.

One detail about the change: the removal of the ban on the 3D-printing of firearms is simply not acceptable.

Please reject this change.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942z-mpws Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1314</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Barbara Miller

General Comment

This rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5] It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6] It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942z-1ato Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1315</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Vic Burton

General Comment

Please consider these points and not approve this rule change:

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.[4]

Here are more details on how the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5] It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6] It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.[7]

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1316</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Liz Bornstein

General Comment

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1317</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Tennie Caldwell

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the US State Department to the US Department of Commerce. Firearm exports are classified as military which is why they are under the regulation of the US State Department so Congress can block large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the rule change Congress would no longer be automatically notified about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, especially to countries like the Philippines, Turkey, Syria, among others.

The Commerce Department does NOT have the resources to adeequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry does not have staff everywhere which means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerout agents would face far fewer hurdles in order to obtain large quantities of American guns and ammunition.

Changeing this rule would be a very dangerous and irresponsible change to make with regards to weapons!

Sincerely,

Tenne L Caldwell

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942z-q2rn Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1318</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942z-ve9n **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1319</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Mary Beach

General Comment

I am opposed to changing the oversight of international weapon sales from the State Department to the Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942z-5nwf Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1320</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Alisa Schlacht

General Comment

I am writing to implore you to prevent the rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. The United States should be a beacon of light for freedom and justice in the world, not a global supplier of weapons to increase brutality and human suffering. The U.S. Commerce Department should not be responsible for spreading murderous weapons around the world, which will undoubtedly end up being used cruelly against innocent people and likely against Americans as well.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942z-u367 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1321</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Debra A.

General Comment

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1322</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anna Rincon

General Comment

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942z-qs8p Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1323</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Rebecca Zimmerman

General Comment

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942z-nsda **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1324</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Virginia Smedberg

General Comment

I am writing to object to switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department. This switch would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942z-476r **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1325</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Frederica Huxley

General Comment

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942z-u4pt **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1326</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Mark Creighton

General Comment

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942z-6vym **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1327</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Stephen Grove

General Comment

I strongly oppose the proposal to switch gun sails from the state department to the commerce department. Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries.[2] With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.[3]

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942z-2m0f **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1328</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: John J Paulhus

General Comment

Foolish to change the regulation of firearms exports to Commerce. Don't do it.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942z-fp92 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1329</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Mark Weltner

General Comment

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1330</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Terrie Stengel

General Comment

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

The rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

- It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.
- It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.
- It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942z-lurk **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1331</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1332</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms

exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist

organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

This would make the world a far more dangerous place:

- 1.It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5]
- 2.It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6]
- 3.It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.[7]

Thanks much.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942z-m2ah **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1333</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

Our family (from Ohio) opposes the proposed rule change to transfer firearms export regulations from the State Department to the Commerce Department. This is unnecessary government fiddling, and dangerous for America. Being driven by business interests (including the NRA and those who profit from arms sales), there is no reason for doing this that would be in the interest of the US or our security -- both national and international. The Commerce Department is ill-equipped to handle arms exports, making the US vulnerable to traffickers, criminals, and terrorists, and poorly or unregulated arms exportation could also lead to instability elsewhere, eventually building negative backlash for our country. (We already see the mass-migration problems formed partly from some of our foreign policies which now we can learn from or anticipate -- this is such a case.) There is simply no reason to make this change (except for profit for a small cadre of people), and many, many reasons not to do so that (which benefit the entire country). In sum, this is reckless and unnecessary, and it would create cost to American taxpayers for infrastructure changes that would be profligate and irresponsible.

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1334</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Judy Landress

General Comment

I strongly Oppose a rule change that would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

The rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place.

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1335</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942z-vz25 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1336</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Priscilla Drake

General Comment

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942z-yj4i **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1337</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Laurie Azzoto

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Guns don;t belong in the hands of just anyone.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942z-ahup **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1338</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Margaret Schulenberg

General Comment

Moving the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942z-kh4g **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1339</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Diana Cumming

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulation of firearms exports from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

The rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place.

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942z-yxoo **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1340</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Laverne Marks

General Comment

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942z-bi48 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1341</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Marie Snavely

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942z-dpvw **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1342</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Lorraine Anonymous

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Please, do not make it easier for guns to be put into the hands of those who may want to do harm to any people.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942z-49jg **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1343</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Linda Logue

General Comment

I oppose the proposed rule change moving the regulation of gun exports from the Dept of State to The Dept of Commerce. This is an issue directly affecting the safety of our country. The mechanism for this regulation needs to remain under the State Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942z-nrau **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1344</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Nancy Kraus

General Comment

Keep dangerous assault weapons regulations where they are currently and rightfully placed, in the State Department. A rule change will increase drug trafficking!

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942z-nip9 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1345</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Denise Kline

General Comment

I oppose the rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. The U.S. State Department must remain focused on safeguarding our nation while the U.S. Commerce Department should continue promoting American business. This proposed rule change will have profound impact on our national security as well as the security of nations around the world as new avenues are opened for the worldwide sale of arms. We must work to make our nation and the world safer. This proposed rule will only increase danger here and around the world.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942z-twru **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1346</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Carol Kussart

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would move the regulation of the export of firearms from the State Department to the Commerce Department. These weapons are military weapons and should remain that way. This move would eliminate the State Department's inspection program and public reporting. It would also remove licensing requirements for brokers which would very likely cause more trafficking, and it would remove the State Department's block on 3D printing of firearms. Congress would also have no oversight ability under this move. Therefore, the world would be less safe. I see this rule change as benefiting gun manufacturers only--there is no other benefit to this change. Keep the regulations where they belong--with the State Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942z-2aif **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1347</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Barbara Isom

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Thank you

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942z-4lv1 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1348</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Juanita Payton

General Comment

I oppose the proposed the rule change to move International Traffic in Arms Regulations, from U. S. Department of State to the Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942z-79zu Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1349</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Carol Painter

General Comment

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.[4]

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942z-yr5m **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1350</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Susan Yost

General Comment

I strongly oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942z-0414 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1351</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Laurel Brennan

General Comment

I am opposed to switching the safeguarding of firearms exports from the state department to the commerce department. Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942z-wm3u **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1352</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Lisa Hersh-Heskes

General Comment

I oppose switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department. It would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942z-9bdh **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1353</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Dwan Dorman

General Comment

I oppose the rule change to switch regulations of international arms sales from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. This would be dangerous on many levels.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942z-km89 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1354</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Michele Biggane

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey. Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1355</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Margaret Baum

General Comment

I oppose the proposed rule change that would declassify firearms as military and move the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Firearms are weapons, no matter how much organizations may want to call guns sport accessories, and are used to kill people. Moving the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would make firearms exports to dangerous and autocratic regimes easier, remove safeguards that help keep agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from getting weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration. Firearms and weapons exports need more controls and export licensing requirements, not less. Government should not sell out to dangerous business interests that work against public safety interests. I Oppose this proposal.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942z-jhuf **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1356</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: DEANNA RICHARDSON

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942z-gul4 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1357</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Aaron Sterr

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942z-wkoi **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1358</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Chris Kermiet

General Comment

Moving the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other firearms from the U.S. State Department (to the U.S. Commerce Department is a truly dumb idea. Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

This appers to be a move by the gun manufacturers to sell more guns with less oversight. I'm strongly opposed to this.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942z-dm2m **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1359</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Stephanie Johnston

General Comment

I oppose the rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. This is a dangerous move that would put people who are focused on profits rather than public safety in charge of regulating massively lethal weapons. American arms could (and most likely would) end up in the hands of terrorists, oppressive governments, drug and firearms traffickers, and other organized criminals, undermining national security and global stability. Please dont let this happen.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942z-qs3t Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1360</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Grady Warren

General Comment

The NRA and gun manufacturers want guns everywhere, for everyone, not just here in the United States, but around the world. They are pushing hard for a rule change that would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department (focused on safeguarding our nation) to the U.S. Commerce Department (focused on promoting American business).[1] This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security.

This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries.[2] With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.[3]

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5] It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6] It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.[7]

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942z-t5n4 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1361</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Alice Donisi-Feehan

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942z-oa6h **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1362</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Victor Sytzko

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1363</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Susan Kute

General Comment

Please keep the strongest regulations on gun sales to all countries.

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942z-dsrt **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1364</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Frances Lorie

General Comment

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

I oppose the rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1365</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Alexandra Pappano

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.[4]

Here are more details on how the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5] It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6] It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.[7]

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1366</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Nancy L Cowger

General Comment

The US of A already sells and permits the sale of far too many weapons without the wholesale marketing opened by allowing the Commerce Department to 'regulate' the trafficking of arms. The very idea is ludicrous!

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1367</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Julia Bumbaugh-Shah

General Comment

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. These exports should stay under the regulation of the State Department, so that Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries with serious human rights concerns and be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security.

The Commerce Department does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. Firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1368</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Katy Reddick

General Comment

I oppose any change of regulations that would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department (focused on safeguarding our nation) to the U.S. Commerce Department (focused on promoting American business).[1] This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security. These are military grade weapons and must be regulated as such.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-942z-bp9a Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1369</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Stephen Weissman

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Having such exports under the Commerce Department would remove many of the controls which limit massive firearms sales overseas. It would allow 3-D printers to export patterns for firearms.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-942z-ese3 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1370</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Debra whalen

General Comment

firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries.

[2] With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security. This is a dangerous precedence if the rule changes.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9430-j8rx **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1371</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: F Corr

General Comment

I believe the State Department should retain regulatory control over the export of munitions. Shifting these munitions sales to Commerce Department oversight will result in these weapons getting into the hands of terrorists.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9430-cwat Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1372</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Karen Kaufmann

General Comment

I oppose any rule that shifts regulation of munitions exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department. This is a measure that jeopardizes national security for the benefit of munitions manufacturers. There is no reason to do so, other than greed.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9430-6qtn Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1373</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Linda Scott

General Comment

Please do the right thing regarding guns for the safety of people everywhere. Keep control of the NRA and DO NOT move them to the Department of Commerce.

Thank you,

Linda Scott

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9430-405k **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1374</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: GEORGE RODGERS

General Comment

As a global health physician, I can tell you that the rest of the world does NOT need more guns. This move seems to be a rather transparent attempt to increase the export of our huge national problem - too many guns.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9430-chdm **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: <u>DOS-2017-0046-0001</u>

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1375</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Caren Flashner

General Comment

I oppose the rule change that would switch firearms export regulation from the State Department to the Commerce Department. I believe the State Department has more interest in the safety of American citizens than does the Commerce Department, which of course wants to aid businesses in selling as many guns as possible, regardless of to whom.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9430-spja Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1376</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Tamara Prince

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey

The Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

Changing oversight and regulation of firearms would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

This is a dangerous move.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9430-pwc1 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1377</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: George Chernetz

General Comment

The NRA is going to push more filthy guns into the hands of people who should not own guns. The NRA is the supplier of domestic terrorism and mentally unstable killers. This epidemic has got to be stopped now.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9430-vlxl Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1378</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Sharon Teagardin

General Comment

The American people have made it clear that we are opposed to guns, particularly semi-automatics. Do your job and listen to the will of the people.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9430-79kd **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1379</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Elizabeth Meister

General Comment

I oppose the proposal to switch regulation of exporting firearms from the State Department to the Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9430-z8hh **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1380</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

Changing the rule regarding arms regulations is the wrong thing to do. Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9430-1j0x **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1381</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Lorna Wood

General Comment

I oppose this rule change. Moving handling of export licenses for powerful firearms from the State Department to the Commerce Department seems likely to promote arms dealing with few if any limits, which will put our national security and our relationship with our allies at risk. Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9430-wkfw **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1382</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Susan Chandler

General Comment

We already have endured many instances in which our firearms were used by foreign nationals to kill our troops. We have also witnessed our firearms being used by terrorists, drug traffickers and extremist regimes to take innocent lives.

Although they haven't done a stellar job of safeguarding our soldiers or civilian populations, the Department of State must maintain control of international firearms sales, and foreign firearms sales must remain classified as "military" ... the Department of Commerce has no resources to even begin to measure the monumental risks involved in weapons export.

No matter how many people support this change, it must not be made.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9430-v7lk Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1383</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Matthew Genaze

General Comment

The NRA and gun manufacturers want guns everywhere, for everyone, not just here in the United States, but around the world. They are pushing hard for a rule change that would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security.

Here are more details on how the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

- It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.
- It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.
- It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

Guns are an epidemic. Guns are a daily act of terrorism. Guns are a direct threat to our democracy. These facts require direct and significant action immediately. I am only able to support legislators and the parties they are members of that support aggressive gun regulation legislation.

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9430-fb9i **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1384</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Raymond Adams

General Comment

The international sales of guns is not good for the world. It is gun trafficking plain simple. I strongly oppose such a policy.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9430-dogh **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1385</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anna Berg

General Comment

I understand there is a proposed rule change that would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department (focused on safeguarding our nation) to the U.S. Commerce Department (focused on promoting American business).

I absolutely oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. The Commerce Department does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition. In any case their priority is business.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9430-s5ok **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1386</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Erika Olson

General Comment

I cannot believe this is even being considered. Guns and firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations.

If anything we need MORE oversight and controls, not less!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9430-n13w **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1387</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Julie Phalen

General Comment

Please do not increase access to weapons. The presence of more weapons leads to more violence, or makes suicides more prevalent. Gun ownership needs to be limited as a part of good public health.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9430-9op6 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: <u>DOS-2017-0046-0001</u>

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1388</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Alisa Norquist

General Comment

Please do not move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9430-2zch **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1389</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: William Shields

General Comment

changing oversight is losing to Putin and his white house puppets

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9430-54lw **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1390</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Jeremy Spindler

General Comment

The Commerce Department does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9430-vw7r **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1391</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Dustin Weinberger

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

If anything we need additional oversight and this change would drastically weaken oversight.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9430-3oh5 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: <u>DOS-2017-0046-0001</u>

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1392</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Carolyn Lopez

General Comment

Exports of weapons must remain with the State Department. Munitions exports must also remain with the State Department. These items should not be treated the same as items that have non-violent domestic use.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9430-ox0s **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1393</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: ronald brown

General Comment

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.[4]

Here are more details on how the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5] It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6] It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.[7]

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9430-xbt4 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1394</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Jill Bremer

General Comment

Regulation of the sales of assault type guns should stay with the U.S, Dept. of State. These weapons are potential security threats to U.S. citizens and people in other countries. Many of our current Administration's policies and behaviors are antagonizing both our allies and enemies and many would be willing to inflict fear and death.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9430-ethq Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1395</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Mike McCampbell

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9430-3wp8 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1396</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Alice Englert

General Comment

Attention all,

I oppose the Rule Change that would switch the Regulation of Firearms Exports from the State Dept to the Commerce Department. I fear the proliferation of military style weapons through out the world. I believe that more guns in circulation make us less safe.

Please oppose this suggested change.

Sincerely, Alice Englert 797 Col Edmonds Court Warrenton Va. 20186

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9430-k4iq **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1397</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Kate Cameron

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. The USA has more guns per capita than any other county in the world. We are also the country that has more mass shooting than any other country in the world. Do not allow weapons to become a commodity and spread the USA's blatant disregard for human life to be spread around the world.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9430-wp2e **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: <u>DOS-2017-0046-0001</u>

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1398</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Jennifer Spykerman

General Comment

The move of handling export licenses from the state department to the commerce department does not even make sense. These remain dangerous weapons and need to regulated by an agency who has the countrys safety as its primary mission, vs. that of an agency that has business profits and the economy as its top priority. Do not move the export licenses of these dangerous weapons away from an agency focused on our countrys safety as well as the relationship with allies and other countries.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9430-g550 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1399</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: PJ Jacobs

General Comment

I write today to state my opposition to moving the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department.

Such change would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and contributes to mass migration.

- It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.
- It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.
- It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

The State Department has shown itself to be well equipped to perform this strategically important function. Together with Congress, it is in a unique position to thus protect this great nation from harm to national security that can result from large batch firearms sales to foreign countries.

There is nothing broken that could possibly be fixed by the moving the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9430-4of9 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1400</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Kathleen Medina

General Comment

We need more regulation of firearms, not less. Do not change the department in charge of regulation of deadly weapons.

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms

exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist

organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9430-ipy3 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1401</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Mary Cunningham

General Comment

Removing weapon sales from the purview of the State Department leaves this country in danger. We cannot allow a basically unregulated sale of automatic weapons to anywhere in the world. It may make profit for a few arms dealers and the NRA but it damages the security of this nation by opening the doors and making it easier for criminals to buy and sell guns internationally and for terrorists to get their hands on these weapons to be used against us or other governments. This is literally "shooting ourselves in the foot". BE SMART Say NO to the NRA. We need the State Department to regulate and check when and where and how many weapons are moving and the STATE DEPT. may need more adequate funding than it already has for this. Protect this country for real and not with "patriotic words". Thank you.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9430-31bb **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1402</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Cynthia Scherer

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9430-u6hp **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1403</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Steven Ramar

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9430-tilc **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1404</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Mike Sudalnik

General Comment

To allow the unbridled access to firearms by any country in the world without scrutiny by the State Department would be a measure that would open the floodgates of insurgencies and armed conflicts! This would undermine stability in the world and lead to complications in matters of OUR National Security! A totally FOOLISH REGULATION! Oppose IT!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9430-7knu **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: <u>DOS-2017-0046-0001</u>

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1405</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Judith Arnold

General Comment

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.[4]

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9430-ud31 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1406</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9430-7t8x **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1407</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: marianne ewing

General Comment

i object to the possibility that guns of all types be sold world wide.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9430-x77q **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1408</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Pearl Holloway

General Comment

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.[4]
In addition:

- 1. It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.
- 2. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.
- 3. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9430-hm0a **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1409</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Alicia Talerico

General Comment

I oppose the switch of regulating firearms from the $U.\ S.\ State$ Department to the $U.\ S.$ Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9430-msau Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1410</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Raymond Valinoti, Jr.

General Comment

I received this disturbing message from MomsRising.org in my email. I agree with this organization about this:

"The NRA and gun manufacturers want guns everywhere, for everyone, not just here in the United States, but around the world. They are pushing hard for a rule change that would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department (focused on safeguarding our nation) to the U.S. Commerce Department (focused on promoting American business)...] This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security.

"HERES THE LOW DOWN: Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries...] With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

"Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

"The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration."

PLEASE, for the sake of America and the rest of the world, OPPOSE this rule change!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9430-vr4q **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: <u>DOS-2017-0046-0001</u>

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1411</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Rita Garvey

General Comment

Firearms are dangerous.

They are being used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and random acts of violence.

They should be subject to more controls, not less!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9430-968q **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1412</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Linda Novenski

General Comment

I am strongly opposed to the unbridled commercialization of weapons sales. Our national security must not be bypassed by weapons manufacturers and arms dealers intent on boosting their sales wherever they can find buyers. It is bad enough right now, but removing the last vestige of US Dept of State control means uncontrolled flows of military weapons to the highest bidder.

Profits are not the only factor to consider here. Our national security, and security of our citizens around the world, are at stake. Keep international traffic in arms under the control of the U.S. Department of State.

Sincerely, Linda Novenski

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9430-hq5r **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1413</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Michael Gelfer

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9430-s2ov **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: <u>DOS-2017-0046-0001</u>

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1414</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Laura Carroll

General Comment

This is extremely unwise. Please block this legislation! We Need more accountability for fire arms not less! We Dont want to fund oppressive regimes abroad and the President has continually praised dictators and taken their Side: Duarte, Putin, Kim jung Un. Please do not unleash 3D printed guns on the world! Please. Its just not worth it For the sake of more gun sales.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9430-rum6 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1415</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Rima Rosenthal

General Comment

I am opposed to the rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9430-iy3w **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1416</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: John Hondrogen

General Comment

I oppose the rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9430-ckj7 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1417</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Laurel Facey

General Comment

The State Department needs to continue to control the sale of arms.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9430-rzrt **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: <u>DOS-2017-0046-0001</u>

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1418</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Kari Pohl

General Comment

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration. Don't do it!!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9430-kxds **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1419</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9430-x6wv **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1420</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Dorrine Marshall

General Comment

oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9430-hgkl Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1421</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: q q

General Comment

close the loopholes, make background checks obligatory, ban bump stocks, make our schools safe

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9430-90ou **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: <u>DOS-2017-0046-0001</u>

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1422</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Elisabeth Ellenbogen

General Comment

We have rational rules and laws WHO may operate a motor vehicle. There is compelling reason to tighten rules on firearms:

How to purchase, sell, transport lethal weapons is at present not sufficient to keep guns out of the hands of criminals, also

children and adolescents. I may not drive a car because there are valid limits on visual acuity. There is nothing in the law

that requires competency to purchase, own, and carry firearms.

Also we have many regulations or laws governing actions people may take. WHY ARE WEAPONS NOT INCLUDED?

We react to tragedy and crime and then do nothing! Please formulate and pass into law tighter rules who may transport, sell,

store or carry fire arms! Thank you

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9430-w9sc Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1423</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Maria Miller

General Comment

STOP SPREADING WEAPONS AROUND the WORLD!!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9430-ppx1 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1424</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Robin Greeley

General Comment

To the DOS:

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

The rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration

It would eliminate the State Department's Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking. It would remove the State Department's block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9430-b7il **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: <u>DOS-2017-0046-0001</u>

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1425</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Susan Stonaha

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

The Commerce Department is not equips to handle large sales of arms. The State Department is better able to properly control the sale of arms, especially to bad actors.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9430-u79g Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1426</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Linda McNair

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. This rule change would make it far, far easier for weapons traffickers, terrorists, organized crime syndicates, human rights abusers, and others to get their hands on large amounts of firearms, without oversight or the ability to inspect or stop those shipments by Congress. This regulation change amounts to exporting American levels of gun violence to any country in the world, for any reason. Is there nothing this administration wont sell to the highest bidder, including our own national security? Guns are weapons of war, and they should remain the responsibility of the State Department. Otherwise, with the number of enemies were making throughout the world now, those weapons may mostly end up pointed squarely at us.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9430-7xh1 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1427</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Michael Orwicz

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

The rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration

It would eliminate the State Department's Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking. It would remove the State Department's block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9430-rdyb Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1428</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Gwen Klemm

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9430-hggd **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1429</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Janet Nodell

General Comment

I oppose a rule change that would switch regulations of firearms exports from the State Dept. to the Commerce Dept.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9430-5nht **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1430</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Richard Schoenberger

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

How about we don't export out extreme gun violence problem to the rest of the world?

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9430-wnuq **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1431</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Leslie Silverfine

General Comment

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9430-mc4l **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1432</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Jane Bray

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce .

We need more Peace through caring about one another..not killing one another.

Jane Bray

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9430-7dc2 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1433</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

Do not make this rule change to export weapons to kill more people. If other governments want wepons they can already purchase through existing channels

As of: November 29, 2018
Tracking No. 1k2-9430-3itc
Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1434</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Tom Emmott

General Comment

The NRA will stop at nothing to increase gun sales and further their morbid perception of the 2nd Amendment. This is pure insanity and our government seems to be willing to take the bait and fall into their web of deception. WHY! Hasn't their been enough violence? Haven't their been enough innocent lives lost, including those of children? We're not living in the 1700's where people had their muscats leaning against the wall next to their front door. The interpretation of the 2nd Amendment has been misconstrued to benefit the NRA and gun owners in this country, and now they want it to include other countries. PLEASE! Don't allow this to happen! Don't fall into their web of lies and deceit!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9430-8vvc **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1435</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Deborah Herath

General Comment

I vigorously oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Guns are a threat to everyone. NO ONE needs a semi-automatic assault - NO ONE. The NRS is a biased, confrontational, 'nut-job' group which is not supported by the majority of Americans nor those outside the USA.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9430-4mkh **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1436</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: James Mori

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9430-d05f Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1437</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Madelyn Ferguson

General Comment

I am opposed to the rule change of switching the regulations on firearms exporting from from the state Department to the Commerce Department. If this change takes place, Congress would no longer be informed of or be able to block large sales of firearms to foreign countries. I feel this would be a threat to our national security. By putting guns in the hands of terriorists, organized crime, and extremist regimes. Sales of firearms being exported to foreign countries need Congressional oversight. Also the Commerce Department does not have the resources to police these sales, therefore endangering all of us.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9430-qvcp Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: <u>DOS-2017-0046-0001</u>

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1438</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Peter Kaminsky

General Comment

Control of firearms exports should be in the hands of the US State Dept, NOT the Commerce Dept. The State Dept has the expertise and means to assess security concerns relating to firearms; transferring authority to the Commerce Dept. allows the primary stakeholders -- major gun manufacturers, including companies like Smith and Wesson not even headquartered in the US (!) -- to control export w/o regard for security issues.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9431-vxsa **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1439</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Margaret Von Feldt

General Comment

It's bad enough that we've allowed the NRA to destroy the US. We shouldn't allow them to do that to other countries.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9431-eycy **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1440</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Trina Sargalski

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

The Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

I am also concerned that with the Dept. of Commerce regulating international gun sales that this would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms, allowing people like Cody Wilson of Defense Distributed to post online instructions for how to 3D print weapons.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9431-7kq2 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1441</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Teresa Batto

General Comment

Gun sales in the U.S. have caused many problems; i.e., increased suicides, mass shootings, domestic violence, etc. Don't allow the rest of the world to suffer our problems, especially with assault weapons. Stop the violence!

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9431-17gg Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II,

and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1442</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Scott Holmes

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.[4]

Here are more details on how the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5]

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6]

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.[7]

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

- [4] American Guns Drive the Migrant Crisis That Trump Wants to Fix With a Wall, The Trace, May 25, 2017.
- [5] The Trump administration proposes making gun exports easier. Heres how to submit your public comment on this dangerous proposal, Violence Policy Center.
- [6] Ibid., Violence Policy Center.
- [7] "U.S. requires group to remove 3-D gun instructions from its website," CNN.com, May 13, 2013.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9431-fjes Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1443</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Elizabeth Shepherd

General Comment

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries.[2] With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.[3]

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9431-pw0a Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1444</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Sari Schimek

General Comment

"There has never been gun violence in the absence of a gun." - Sari Schimek

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9431-hbqr Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1445</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Elizabeth Shepherd

General Comment

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries.[2] With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.[3]

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9431-xxzy **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1446</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Howard Winant

General Comment

I am opposed to the ideas that the Commerce Department, rather than the State Department, should control US arms export policy.

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9431-4p76 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1447</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Lowell Halpern

General Comment

I OPPOSE the new proposed rule change!!!!!! Enough is enough!!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9431-xaqx **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1448</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

It is past time for this country to STOP bowing down to the GREED AND AVARICE of the gun manufacturers

No more rule changes that can make buying guns even easier

NO MORE GUN PROFITS NO MORE GUN MANUFACTURER GREED

NO MORE GUNS

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9431-28s1 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1449</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Mary Ann Linehan

General Comment

Please be mindful of the intent behind our Second Amendment - do not switch oversight from our State Department to Commerce Department. Thank you.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9431-87i9 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1450</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Regina Blaber

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9431-6w2b Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1451</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Gretchen Schiltz

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security. Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9431-8h7n **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1452</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: JOHN GLEBS

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

The Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

How the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5] It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6] It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.[7]

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9431-bpfq Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1453</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Kathleen Coleman

General Comment

I vehemently oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. I can't think of anything more insane than to remove more regulations from gun sales. To provide other countries with weapons that could increase the kind of mass shootings that we have in this country is IMMORAL.

Please do not allow this. We need to provide a safer world, not a more dangerous world.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9431-yyy4 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1454</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9431-iute Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1455</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Paige May Organization: 570

General Comment

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.[4]

Here are more details on how the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5] It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6] It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.[7]

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9431-kd98 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1456</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Trish Weisman

General Comment

I oppose moving responsibility for international arms traffic to the Commerce Department. This is a threat to peace and safety.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9431-raur **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1457</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Fran Mason

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

I oppose any and all legislation that EXPANDS the availability of firearms. It is time to formulate solutions that do not use guns and violence as the go-to solution.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9431-mmyp Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1458</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Robin Wernicke

General Comment

I am against a rule change that would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department (focused on safeguarding our nation) to the U.S. Commerce Department (focused on promoting American business). This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security.

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries.

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1459</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Barbara Evans

General Comment

This is a national security issue. I oppose this change.

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1460</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Linda Thompson

General Comment

I am opposed to the rule change that would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department (focused on safeguarding our nation) to the U.S. Commerce Department (focused on promoting American business).

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking by international terrorists and gangs.

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1461</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Hannah Stanton

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1462</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Kathryn Koelemay, MD

General Comment

I oppose the rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

It would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department (focused on safeguarding our nation) to the U.S. Commerce Department (focused on promoting American business). With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns.

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

Furthermore, it would

- -eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program
- -remove licensing requirements for brokers
- -remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms.

Bottom line...this rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place.

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1463</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Timothy O'Dell

General Comment

DEATH NEVER TAKES A HOLIDAY. THE MERCHANTS OF DEATH, LOOKS LIKE, DON'T EITHER. I'VE HAD ENOUGH; HAVEN'T YOU, SIR?

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries.[2] With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.[3]

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1464</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9431-uzjy Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1465</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Kenneshea Allums

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. You can also copy and paste in other parts of this email, too, in order to make your case.

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1466</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

See attached file(s)

Attachments

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Congress must not be prevented from being automatically informed about sizable weapons sales. Congress must be able to stop sizable weapons sales in the name of national security, even and especially to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey. Depriving Congress of this ability to monitor these sales is a terrible, dangerous idea. It would open the door to firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

Allowing this country to do such an unconscionable thing is not only unamerican, it would directly contribute to making the world a more dangerous place as well as inviting security breaches here at home.

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1467</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Hannah Stanton

General Comment

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.[4]

Here are more details on how the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5] It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6] It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.[7]

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1468</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Susan Porter

General Comment

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries.[2] With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5]

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6]

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

Please do not change the rules. Thank you for your consideration

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9431-eu7s **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1469</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

We need to be able to control the sale of "military type" guns. Commerce is ot the correct way. They are only looking at the trade figures and not security.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9431-xbm1 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1470</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Michele Emmett

General Comment

Changing the rules concerning guns from State Dept to Commerce Dept seems to be misguided. The stated reason is cost savings but I am concerned about oversight. Categorizing guns as military makes sense. We have too many guns getting into the hands of bad actors as it is. Keep guns under the auspices of the State Dept.

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1471</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Afshin Sadeghi

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1472</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Donald Di Russo

General Comment

I strongly oppose switching the regulating of firearms export from the State Dept to the Commerce Dept. We must focus on the use & effect of these firearms sales rather than just "all the money that can be made. Whooppee!!!"

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1473</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Steve Rockhold

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

The Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1474</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: obie hunt

General Comment

How many deaths have to happen before something is done? Pass some sensible gun laws!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9431-117v **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1475</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Janet Shannon

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

It serves no other purpose than to increase the number of killing machines throughout the world so the people who make them can profit from the carnage they create.

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1476</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Elizabeth Schauer

General Comment

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1477</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Evan Gull

General Comment

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1478</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Helen Stuehler

General Comment

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1479</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Peggy Kocoras

General Comment

I am writing in opposition to the rule that would move the regulation of firearms export from the US State Department to the US Commerce Department. This change would result in increased weapons both domestically and globally, which would benefit no one except the gun manufacturers, oppressive regimes, terrorists, and criminals. It would eliminate safeguards that are absolutely necessary for having some control over terrorism and oppression. The Trump Administration claims that it wants to eliminate terrorism, but I believe that this change would aid in the opposite result: terrorism in the US and around the world would increase while only terrorists, oppressive regimes, criminals, and gun manufacturers would profit. This is not the direction I would like to see the US, or the world, go.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9431-vgv2 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1480</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: edmond lacroix

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. You can also copy and paste in other parts of this email, too, in order to make your case.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9431-s3tc **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1481</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Maria Sanchez

General Comment

I strongly oppose the rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. We cannot make it any easier for violent individuals to acquire guns, be it in the US or abroad. Thank you so much for your attention to this extremely serious matter.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9431-b4qv **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1482</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Michael Slager

General Comment

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1483</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Maureen Sheahan

General Comment

I am writing to vehemently protest changing the rule that would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department (focused on safeguarding our nation) to the U.S. Commerce Department (focused on promoting American business).

With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey. And, the Commerce Department and its Bureau of Industry and Security just do not have the resources or reach to adequately enforce export controls. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

Switching the regulation of firearms exports to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration, as well as:

- 1. Eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5]
- 2. Remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6]
- 3. Remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

Making this change would be immoral and dangerous. Please don't let it happen!!

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1484</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Laura Horowitz

General Comment

The NRA is pushing hard for a rule change that would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department (focused on safeguarding our nation) to the U.S. Commerce Department (focused on promoting American business). This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security.

switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

Here are more details on how the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

This is an extremely dangerous path to take. It is not the job of the US government to help the NRA and weapons manufacturers enrich themselves. I urge you in the strongest terms to reject this rule change.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9431-30of **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1485</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Annie Chang

General Comment

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1486</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Kathy Benoit

General Comment

Changing the laws to minimize the regulation of gun sales around the world is morally wrong. Many countries have very strike laws regarding the ownership of firearms by their citizens. Our gun manufacturers and the NRA will benefit exponentially by selling even more firearms to groups and individuals who want to topple governments, suppress voting rights, and the rights of citizens.

The USA has over 38,000 gun related deaths every year. That number represents the easy flow of firearms to criminals and suicides of too many individuals.

As a teacher, I worked with students to settle conflicts through discussions and active listening. Firearms change those dynamics into an I win, you lose mentality.

We owe it to the 68% of our citizens who do not own guns to say, We hear you and you, as well as, other inhabitants of our world need to be safe from gun violence.

Our legislators have a duty to protect everyone in this country through laws that are not bought and paid for by lobbyists and secret money. They need to be written to reflect the safety and concerns of the majority of our population.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9431-prsv **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1487</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Robert Reed

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1488</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Brandon Burrell

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Here are my reasons why:

- 1.It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.
- 2. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.
- 3. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1489</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: stewart wilber

General Comment

The NRA and gun manufacturers want guns everywhere, for everyone, not just here in the United States, but around the world. This rule change would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department (focused on safeguarding our nation) to the U.S. Commerce Department (focused on promoting American business). I am opposed. This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security

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Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1490</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Brian Dalton

General Comment

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Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1491</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Steve Ditore

General Comment

International weapons sales are currently handled by the right federal agency, one that takes true national security into account

in their decisions. The business class HATES the very idea that governments and government agencies have the power to

limit or prohibit any of their narrowly-defined profit-seeking obsessions for any reason, even good or even inarguable ones.

Weapons are not just another commodity; they are intended for one purpose only: destruction of human life. This can be

allowed, definitely not encouraged, unless there are good reasons for deadly armaments. But the Commerce Dept. cares

about none of that. It's just money for them, and they want as much as they can get, by whatever means they can arrange.

and somehow they think the chickens will never come home to roost. This has to be handled by an agency with a broader

and wiser approach. That's State, not Commerce.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9431-113g Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1492</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I oppose the rule change for regulation of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Department of Commerce

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1493</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Dawn Foster

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Specifically because it would:

- 1. eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and makes these reports publicly available;
- 2. remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking; and
- 3. remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms.

All of the above controls are necessary to keep the World safer. Thank you.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9431-nbzh **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1494</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Alyce Callison

General Comment

I'm a citizen concerned about this proposed rule change. I believe it would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with huge implications for our national security. I am opposed to the fact that this rule change would consider semi-automatic assault rifles as non-military, which makes no sense, as military use is their primary function by design, and that it would eliminate Congressional oversight for important gun export deals, which would limit Congress's ability to comment on related human rights concerns, and remove Congress's proper role. As a taxpayer, it also offends me that this proposed rule change shifts the cost of processing licenses from gun manufacturers to taxpayers. Even at present, the Commerce Department doesn't have the resources to enforce export controls. Please prevent this rule change, which would inevitably lead to increased terrorism and violence globally.

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1495</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Patricia Grames

General Comment

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries.[2] With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in

the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

This rule change is a clear danger to our national security and should not be implemented.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9431-4xgx Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1496</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Carol Charest

General Comment

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1497</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I suspect you already know this is a bullshit move, and bad move, not in the public interest - the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

Tthe rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5] It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6] It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe. The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9431-tbvw **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1498</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Dorothy Anderson

General Comment

I oppose this rule change. It would be dangerous to allow the US Dept of Commerce to regulate fire arms export. Fire arms are classified as military and should be under the control of the State Dept. As of now Congress can block large sales of firearms to foreign countries. We need to keep State Dept's Blue Lantern program in place since 1940. It would be dangerous to allow 3D printing of firearms which State Dept. now blocks.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9431-vybj Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1499</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Allen Chazin

General Comment

Ordinary citizens should be paid as soldiers with the already heavy concentration of weapons to humans!!!! Do Americans really need this barrage of guns!!!! The Dept. of Commerce will only see infringements to business; why not let the U.S. Chamber of Commerce regulate gun flows from abroad. It amounts to same thing.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9431-wwb1 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1500</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Laura Anonymous

General Comment

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9431-2b7p Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1501</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Mary Gentile

General Comment

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9431-fky3 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1502</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9431-fnwr **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1503</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Cathi Rodgers

General Comment

This is a comment of opposition to this rule. Any law that has a net reduction in regulatory burden on guns sales is wrong and dangerous. The NRA supports this for no other reason than more profits for gun manufactures, also know as their base. This rule would make it easier for people of other countries to access weapons of war. We need to stop this.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9431-ou3w **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1504</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Judith Janelle Shubert

General Comment

I vehemently oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firemarms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. It would eliminate the State Department's Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and PUBLICALY reports on them. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking. It would remove the State Department's block on the 3D printing of firearms.

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1505</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: J S

General Comment

I strongly oppose this rule change that would switch regulation of firearms exports from the US State Department to the US Commerce Department. For multiple reasons, this change would make it much easier for violent actors worldwide, including criminal and terrorist organizations and repressive regimes, to obtain large quantities of American arms and ammunition and potentially to use US 3D printing technology to make weapons.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9431-wrdt **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1506</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Emma Bradshaw

General Comment

Keep international traffic in arms regulations in the U.S. State Department. Thank you.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9431-cvwe Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1507</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Cori Bishop

General Comment

I oppose this rule change. Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less! The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1508</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Matt Peters

General Comment

I oppose this regulation change. We need to make sure firearms are not exported to oppressive regimes and maintain safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons.

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1509</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Mary B

General Comment

I urge the Commerce and State Departments to oppose relaxing rules that would make it easier for U.S. firearm manufacturers to export assault rifles and other guns, with less oversight and accountability. With gun violence killing 1,000 people around the world every day, we should be making it harder, not easier, to export U.S. made weapons of war.

If we want to lessen the number of people applying for refugee status, we should be working to make their countries safer, not flooding them with more weapons of war. We should be working to make other countries safer and more stable, not creating more violence and instability by selling them more firearms.

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1510</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: TATYANA WHITE

General Comment

Firearms exports are military and should not be classified as commercial. I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Making this change endangers every single person living in this country. I strongly oppose this change.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9431-kctl Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1511</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: julia bottom

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. You can also copy and paste in other parts of this email, too, in order to make your case.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9431-86vt **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1512</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Laurel Gress

General Comment

I am strongly opposed to the National Rifle Association's efforts to move the handling of export licenses from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department, making it easier for U.S. gun manufacturers to sell weaponry to other countries.

The last thing other countries need is for their nations to become lawless, dangerous, gun-happy places for the citizens to live, much like this country has become. The NRA should be labeled a terrorist organization and should be outlawed and shut down. It has become almost as dangerous as the Taliban and Al-Qaida in the Middle East!

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less.

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1513</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Gloria Doan

General Comment

The NRA and gun manufacturers want guns everywhere, for everyone, not just here in the United States, but around the world. They are pushing hard for a rule change that would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department (focused on safeguarding our nation) to the U.S. Commerce Department (focused on promoting American business).[1] This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security. I oppose this rule change.

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1514</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

Thank you for taking action to help make our country and our world a safer place.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9431-5m2r **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1515</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1516</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Martha M. Wilson

General Comment

I strongly oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce department for the following reasons.

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9431-i191 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1517</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Susan Gardner

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9431-34fx **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1518</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Rochelle La Frinere

General Comment

This regulation of firearms export must remain with the State department, not Commerce.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9431-sjdr **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1519</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Martha Baird

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the

U.S. State Department to the

U.S. Commerce Department.

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1520</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Judith Greenberg

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch regulation of firearms from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9431-k37z Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1521</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Maryann Mueller

General Comment

I strongly urge the Commerce and State Departments to oppose relaxing rules that would make it easier for U.S. firearm manufacturers to export assault rifles and other guns, with less oversight and accountability. With gun violence killing 1,000 people around the world every day, we should be making it harder, not easier, to export U.S. made weapons of war. Please do what is for the safety of the common good. Thank you

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9432-9hea **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1522</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

For our national and global security, please keep firearm trade regulations within the State Department's jurisdiction. Leaving this matter in the hands of the Commerce Department would only increase the likelihood of weapons falling into the wrong hands.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-k5f0 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1523</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: brian mcdermott

General Comment

Please do NOT move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. If allowed to be exported these weapons can be used against the US and other friendly governments by terrorist and the mentally deranged.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-9csr Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1524</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Mike M

General Comment

- 1. It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5]
- 2. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6]
- 3. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.[7]
- [1] Trump move would make it easier for U.S. gun manufacturers to export firearms, The Washington Times, May 14, 2018.
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- [4] American Guns Drive the Migrant Crisis That Trump Wants to Fix With a Wall, The Trace, May 25, 2017.
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As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-rwf6 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1525</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Jen Kropinak

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration. Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9432-2cq1 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1526</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Donna Soodalter-Toman

General Comment

I totally oppose moving the control of selling weapons to foreign countries from the Department if State to the Commerce Department!

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-mhfz Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1527</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Ann Hershkowitz

General Comment

I oppose this change. The State Dept, which protects US interests around the world, should continue to oversee weapons sales to other countries.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9432-sdt6 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1528</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Allison Walters

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. The Commerce Department does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9432-5dzs **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1529</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Grant Power

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-7kix Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1530</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: John McAllister

General Comment

I am for the regulation of international fireams to remain with the State Department to better insure the unsafe spread of firearms internationally.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9432-s7kj **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1531</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Ann Rosenbaum

General Comment

I strongly efforts to shift the responsibility for the oversight of the export assault rifles and other guns from the State Departments to the Commerce Department as that will result in the relaxation of rules making it easier for U.S. firearm manufacturers to export assault rifles and other guns with less oversight and accountability. With gun violence killing 1,000 people around the world every day, we should be making it harder, not easier, to export U.S. made weapons of war. This action would result in the "export" also of our plague of gun violence that exists in our country today! Guns and other deadly weapons are already managing to get our of the US illegally through the lack of background checks at gun shows. We should not make it Legal to sell weapons overseas just to keep sales up for gun manufacturers!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9432-wael **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1532</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

We need laws that make sure that guns are only in the hands of responsible gun owners. This law does not meet that requirement.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9432-yyab **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1533</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Margaret Ames

General Comment

I am submitting this comment in strong opposition to the proposed rule to transfer oversight of small arms (firearms) exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department. This rule would make U.S. exports of small arms far more dangerous by transferring controls to an agency that prioritizes doing business over safeguarding national security. The rules elimination of congressional oversight of commercial weapons sales of \$1 million or more is also reckless. This rule has one purpose only: to garner profits for a U.S. gun industry that is faring poorly in the domestic market. It comes after years of lobbying by the NRA and National Shooting Sports Foundation. No one elsed asked for it or wanted it. The NSSF, the trade group for the gun industry, has already boasted the rule would lead to a 20% increase in American gun exports. We see the gun lobbys influence in the rules description of semiautomatic assault rifles like the AR-15 as civilian products. These weapons were not designed for household use, they were designed to kill en masse on the battlefield. That is why they are the weapons of choice for mass shooters. If you go forward with this disastrous policy, I will do everything in my powerpeacefully and democraticallyto hold your leadership accountable for the resulting global bloodshed. That will include advocating against your budget priorities across-the-board until a new, non-corrupt administration can come in and clean house.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-8rve Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1534</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Michael Klausing

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. You can also copy and paste in other parts of this email, too, in order to make your case.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-taea Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1535</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9432-45ui **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1536</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Emily Munro

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-q9fe Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1537</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Michael Crowden

General Comment

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9432-kwek **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1538</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: ARTHUR GOLDFARB

General Comment

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

Exported American arms and ammunition could potentially find their way as the instruments of death to American soldiers, allies, or even tourists. Thus, rules for such exports should never be based on goals of commerce, i.e. Department of Commerce. Exports of firearms must remain under the jurisdiction of State.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9432-ou6c **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1539</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Karen Davis

General Comment

I could NOT be more opposed to this absolutely crazy idea. Are you guys nuts? There are too many guns now. Guns don't make you safe.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-mcpu Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1540</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Shari Draayer

General Comment

I am writing to you to formally oppose this dangerous rule change switching the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Firearms are dangerous; they are intended to be deadly. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. In a sane and just world they would be subject to more controls, not less! Forget making America great again; could we make it sane and just first?!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9432-plp3 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1541</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Sandra Cobb Organization: SEIU

General Comment

I'm opposed to the rule changes for the Inernational Traffic in Arms Regulation s because it would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.

It would also remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.

And it would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9432-3vz0 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1542</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Laura Meisler

General Comment

I oppose switching regulation of sales of firearms from the State Department to the Commerce Department. Do not make this proposed change!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9432-2h5d **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1543</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Sybil Schlesinger

General Comment

Please do not enact this rule change. This proposed rule change eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

There are enough weapons in the world now. We do not need to enrich gun manufacturers at the expense of all the rest of humanity. Do not change this rule.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-rotz Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1544</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Rev. John Fernandes

General Comment

We do not need more guns around the world. Some of the anticipated customers are not friendly toward the United States.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9432-m5bh **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1545</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Judithe Norman

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U. S.State Department to the

U.S. Commerce Department. This is another example of the power the NRA has over our elected officials whose job

is to keep our country safe not to pander to the NRA. Do your job!!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9432-pfyx **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1546</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Amanda OConnor

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration. Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9432-5e9b **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1547</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Judith Fardig

General Comment

I am a retired nurse-midwife, very concerned about the public health impacts in the U.S. and globally of too many guns in the hands of dangerous people. Let's not export our lethal problem to other countries.

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migrations.

Keep the regulation in the State Department with stronger safeguards and a history of trained personnel to enforce them.

The N.R.A. is becoming a toxic brand so they are looking to develop a new money stream for U.S. guns and ammunition manufacturers. Do not be cowed by their pressure.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9432-y500 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1548</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Sheila Brooks

General Comment

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.[4]

Here are more details on how the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5] It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6] It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.[7]

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-fist Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1549</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Linda Curtin

General Comment

With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9432-4w58 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1550</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Mary McLees-Lane

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department

to the U.S. Commerce Department. Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the

world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations.

They should be subject to more controls, not fewer!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9432-8k03 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1551</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Nancy Mundorf

General Comment

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-tf03 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1552</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Philip Tobias

Organization: Philip Tobias Enterprises (and various clients or other companies)

General Comment

Please reject the proposed rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Firearms have caused the deaths of several people I knew, in several different incidents. Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

Switching regulation of gun exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration, such as our country is currently experiencing on our southern border.

To protect human safety and societal stability, please reject this rule change.

Thank you.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9432-ygyy **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1553</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Al Mendelsohn

General Comment

The weapons rule change could make the world more dangerous.

For starters, it would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.

Don't do it!

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of illegal trafficking.

Don't do it!

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms.

Don't do it!

When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon.

The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

Don't do it!

We are watching.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9432-4t0b **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1554</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: John McArthur

General Comment

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9432-dqag **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: <u>DOS-2017-0046-0001</u>

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1555</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Carol Allen

General Comment

I oppose the rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export fro the U.S. State Department to the U.s. Commerce Department. In this age of international terrorism, it is crucial that we have stringent oversight of arms sales to overseas (as well as domestic) entities. The mission of the Department of Commerce is commerce, not safety or security.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9432-ivh0 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1556</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Belinda Lang

General Comment

I strongly oppose the rule that would take the handling of export licenses for semiautomatic assault weapons from the State Department and give it to the Commerce Department. The State Department protects our country while the Commerce Department promotes businesses. People's safety and well-being should be placed before profits.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9432-09nx **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1557</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Ruth Boroshok

General Comment

Why can't we promote PEACE rather than more opportunity for violence!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9432-d722 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1558</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Aaron Ucko

General Comment

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9432-hufi **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1559</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Peter Ayres

General Comment

I would certainly be opposed to this change. Any exporting of guns should remain under the oversight of the State Dept.

I think just as a national security we would want that. Once they are not watching anymore, who knows how many guns would exit this country and where would they be going to?

We might easily be responsible for killing our own, fighting rebels and terrorist that would be able to exploit this change.

This is just less regulation on a gun problem we already have and should not be changed. Just say no.

thank you Peter Ayres

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9432-g335 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1560</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Lynn Mignola

General Comment

I oppose any rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. A rule change like this would increase the likelihood of large weapons caches getting into the hands of violent and dangerous agents and decrease safeguards for American Citizens. Arms sales are not about commerce and should not be treated as such.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9432-nmwf **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1561</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Fred Licht

General Comment

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9432-jwvf **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1562</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Jo Ann McGreevy

General Comment

This is simply so undeniably WRONG and DANGEROUS! Why does the United States have far, far more deaths from guns than virtually all other countries combined? We must NOT allow the gun industry to "control" us!

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-8drg Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1563</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Roger Chambers

General Comment

For the following reasons, this rule would make the world a far more dangerous place.

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them. It would also remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking. It would also remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9432-p4uo **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1564</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: William Larson

General Comment

The sale of guns effects our national security. These sales can go to terrorists around the world. The ability to sell weapons should remain with the state department that is much better equipped to vet where and to who they go to

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9432-2g35 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1565</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Paul Davis

General Comment

Changing gun regulation:

Relaxing the gun rules to make it easier to export and obtain guns is crazy. We need tighter gun regulation to make it harder for the crooks of this country to obtain one. Just look at the deaths guns in this country are causing...no brainer.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-ar2j Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1566</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Pauline Alama

General Comment

I oppose this rule change, which would transfer the regulation of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. I don't want my country to be the arms dealer to the world. What the world needs now is not more guns. More guns going around the world, possibly getting in the hands of terrorists, do not make our country or our world safer.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9432-3xmr **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1567</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Tracy Artley

General Comment

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries.[2] With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.[3]

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9432-mvmd **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1568</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Bryan Dunphy

General Comment

- 1. It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.
- 2. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.
- 3. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9432-q180 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1569</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Evelyn Hutt

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the proposed rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

It would also eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1570</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Kathryn McKinney

General Comment

The NRA and gun manufacturers want guns everywhere, for everyone, not just here in the United States, but around the world. They are pushing hard for a rule change that would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department (focused on safeguarding our nation) to the U.S. Commerce Department (focused on promoting American business).[1] This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9432-sg0o **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1571</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Joan Farber

General Comment

I am writing because I am opposed to the proposed change in regulation concerning the export of firearms which would seriously increase the dangers to this country. These are my concerns:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5]

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6]

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.[7]

I hope you will take these issues into consideration and not make changes which can so dangerously impact national security.

Yours truly, Joan C. Farber, Ph.D.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9432-p98q **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1572</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: LORI BUNTON

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries.[2] With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.[3]

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition. This new regulation is wrong and dangerous not only for U.S. national security but for global security as we know that the greed of firearm manufacturers will surely trump their aversion to selling arms to dangerous countries.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9432-wnyo **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1573</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9432-17th **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1574</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Gania Barlow

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. The rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place.

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1575</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Richard Boyce

General Comment

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1576</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9432-hahs **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1577</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Jane Anonymous

General Comment

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1578</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Ashley Koger

General Comment

We need to regulate weapons that could threaten the safety of our country and others. Allowing the US to sell guns to any foreign country, regardless of stability and human-rights track record, is reckless and short-sighted.

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1579</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Sylvia Hopkins

General Comment

If the NRA is permitted to take themselves out of the arena of the USDS, it will become the purveyor of death worldwide. The US already is exerting a terrible pressure on human life with the pressure of its military in so very many countries. The NRA sales would further undermine the sovereignty and health of these nations.

Please make me proud again, to be a citizen (my ancestors were early immigrants to this new world) of the USA. Do not let the NRA have its way in this.

My great grandfather, an immigrant from Nauborn, Prussia, was conscripted into the Union Army of the Civil War. He died of disease in that war, leaving his immigrant wife a widow and his four small children fatherless. He had come to this country to find food, escape militarism and killing.

There is no reason to allow the NRA to place weaponsso easily into the hands of human beings in other countries where people long for a good life. It would be the exporting of a culture of death that we have allowed to grow here. This culture shocks me daily.

Sincerely, Sylvia Hopkins

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9432-3ffv **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1580</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Linda Murphy

General Comment

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would make it easier for the export of firearms to oppressive regimes; it would remove safeguards that help keep organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons; it would increase the kind of violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration, which is already occurring at alarming rates due to wars, and criminal gang activity.

The rule change would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them. This would be devastating to civilian populations.

The rule change would remove: (1) the licensing requirements for brokers, expanding the risk of trafficking; (2) the blocking ability of the State Department on the 3D printing of firearms. Without this capability, the State Department would lose an important tool for charging individuals, who use 3D printers to print firearms, with violating arms export laws. The rule switch would remove this block, and expose civilians everywhere to an exponentially larger risk of dying from the expanded use of these lethal weapons.

Please do NOT make this rule change, which will endanger innocent people's lives worldwide.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9432-9hkb **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1581</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Douglas Godfrey

General Comment

I oppose this or any other rule change that would transfer authority to grant licenses for the export of firearms from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Firearms in international trade are used as weapons of war. Neither the US State Department, nor the US Commerce Department should not be in the business or promoting War.

The United States should not be exporting our problems with automatic and semi-automatic weapons to the rest of the world.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9432-oeax **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1582</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Janet Anonymous

General Comment

As a concerned American and member of the world's human race, I urge you to do whatever is necessary to keep control of the international sale of American firearms. To move it to the Commerce Department flips the focus from safety and peace to making money, and we all know that with money as a motivator, it's much easier for deals to be made that may not be in our country's best interests.

Thank you for standing up for humanity rather than for money-making.

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and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1583</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Kelly Orringer MD

General Comment

I am writing to express my STRONG OPPOSITION to this plan.

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.[4]

Here are more details on how the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

- 1. It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5]
- 2. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking [6]
- 3. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.[7]

Submit comments now to the State Department and the Commerce Department opposing the rule change.

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

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- [2] Trump wants to make foreign arms sales easier, The Boston Globe, June 23, 2018.
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As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9432-1p1i **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1584</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Robert Winkler

General Comment

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

- It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.
- It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.
- It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9432-uc9y **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1585</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Lyn Bober

General Comment

I am very concerned about this issue. I strongly oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. The safety of our country AND the world depends upon keeping these regulations under your governance. Thank you for your consideration.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9432-4urk **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1586</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Sandra Faust

General Comment

There is no reason to allow any change in the sale and export of weapons. To do so would open the door to more violence and death in this world and even less regulation of semiautomatic weapons. Don't let the NRA get away with this dangerous change in it's business.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-ym24 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1587</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anne Siems

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-edt1 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1588</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: PJ Clark

General Comment

I urge the Commerce and State Departments to oppose relaxing rules that would make it easier for U.S. firearm manufacturers to export assault rifles and other guns, with less oversight and accountability. With gun violence killing 1,000 people around the world every day, we should be making it harder, not easier, to export U.S. made weapons of war.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9432-vn84 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1589</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Amy Posner

General Comment

To Whom It Concerns:

I oppose this rule switching the responsibility for regulatory oversight of firearms exports from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Diplomacy not weapons should be our chief export.

Imagine if that were so: if we retained credibility to solve through diplomacy conflicts around the world. Not only have we been ceding that ground, but now will we increase our presence through even more weaponry? Is my beloved country becoming an evil empire? Please, please, please do not allow this change!

Patriotically yours,

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9432-l0kj **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1590</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Timothy Bailey

General Comment

I strongly oppose thus rule change that would switch the regulation of firearms export from U.S. Department of State to U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9432-tw8g **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1591</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Victoria DeSarno

General Comment

I oppose the rule change that would switch control of weapons from the State Department to the Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-zfi7 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1592</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: CYNTHIA DZENDZEL

General Comment

Please do not allow the transfer of firearms regulation from the State Department to the Commerce Department. Firearms sales to foreign countries should be tightly regulated to avoid the proliferation of dangerous weapons to countries and individuals that may use them against us or other innocents. Please prevent the export of American violence.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9432-h1jr **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1593</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Judith Kudless

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switchgun regulations from the state sept. To the commerce department.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-sgec Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1594</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: christine maciel

General Comment

No, do not switch the regulation of firearm exports from the STATE DEPARTMENT. This is too important to be considered merely 'commerce', it involves who gets guns and what they are to be used for. We must support diplomacy over wars!!!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9432-15xc **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1595</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Kathy Heid

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

The Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

The rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

- --It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.
- --It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.\
- --It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1596</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Stanley Thompson

General Comment

I am opposed this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organised crime and terrorist organisations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilises countries and causes mass migration.

How else would the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place?

- 1. It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.
- 2. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.
- 3. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

Please block this rule change.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9432-itsn **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1597</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Therese Wilson

General Comment

I strongly oppose the rule change that would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic weapons

and other weapons

from the U.S.State Department to the Commerce Department.

This rule change would seriously undercut or even eliminate congressional oversight of weapons sales or shipments.

This is totally unacceptable!

The ability of our representatives to stop the sale of large numbers of dangerous weapons to countries who are known abusers of human rights is an absolute necessity!

This rule change would TRULY endanger our national security.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9432-pbdu **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1598</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Judy Kameon

General Comment

I oppose the proposed rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. The Commerce Department does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9432-icfi **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1599</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Jill Berkowitz-Berliner

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1600</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: E. Luckring

General Comment

I oppose the proposed rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

I believe firearms exports should stay under the regulation of the State Department and that Congress should have the power to block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it might see reason to stop in the name of national security, or to prohibit sales to countries where there are serious human rights concerns.

Moreover, the Commerce Department does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

This proposed change would make our country less safe by fueling terrorism and organized crime around the world.

Please keep firearms exports under the regulation of the State Department.

Thank You,

Eve Luckring 3641 Lavell Drive Los Angeles, CA 90065

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1601</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Shea Najafi

General Comment

I oppose

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1602</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Rosalie Riegle

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1603</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: beth Fischer

General Comment

I STRONGLY oppose the rule change on firearms!!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9432-5dd5 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1604</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Laurie Toner

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. We need the the U.S. State Department to make the determination. Not weapons salesman making such a determination. Would you buy a home security system from a non-vetted burglar???

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1605</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: alena jorgensen

General Comment

Are you all nuts? You want to make it easier for our enemies to buy Guns? You really are on a mission to decrease the surplus population. Not just here in the US, but all over the world. KARMA!!!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9432-vbjf **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1606</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Marge Schwartz

General Comment

The Commerce Dept. should not be in control of gun sales especially to foreign countries. Guns should remain in the jurisdiction of the State Dept.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9433-1ve9 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1607</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: karyn barry

General Comment

I strongly oppose switching the regulation of firearm exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department!

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

We need FEWER guns in the world, not MORE!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9433-8zm7 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1608</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: David Forbes

General Comment

The words below, taken from Defense News dot com, echo my own views on this matter. Please take these words under consideration.

There are five key dangers of shifting oversight of firearms exports to the Commerce Department.

First, there is an increased risk of exports to unauthorized end users and conflict zones. Under the Commerce Department system, companies can generally use several broad license exemptions to export military equipment without U.S. government approval. When the U.S. government shifts oversight of firearms exports to companies, it loses the ability to identify key warning signs, including risky middlemen, unusual routes and mismatched weapons systems, of a possible diversion of U.S. guns to terrorists, criminals or conflict zones. Without U.S. oversight, the government also couldnt stop the sale of firearms to foreign security force units accused of serious human rights violations or corruption.

Second, a shift to the Commerce Department could compromise the United States ability to investigate and prosecute arms smugglers. The Trump administrations proposal would likely eliminate the current requirement that individuals receive government approval before attempting to broker a deal to non-NATO countries for firearms controlled by the Commerce Department. The proposal might also remove the requirement that companies first register with the U.S. government before engaging in arms exports, which U.S. law enforcement has used to build investigations against illegal arms traffickers. Furthermore, the proposal could create greater legal ambiguity about restrictions on firearms exports and, thus, impede U.S. law enforcements efforts to prosecute cases of illegal arms trafficking. Indeed, if an arms exporter can show that a reasonable person would be confused by U.S. regulations, the illegal exporter could escape prosecution.

Third, the proposal risks losing key legal restrictions on dangerous arms transfers. Commerce Department regulations, unlike the State Departments, are not tied to all federal laws that regulate security assistance, including the commercial export of defense articles to foreign governments that support terrorism, violate internationally recognized human rights norms or interfere with humanitarian operations as well as country-specific controls imposed on nations of concern, such as China. A shift to

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the Commerce Department would likely complicate, if not end, State Department reviews of a recipient's human rights violations, as the State Department bureau in charge of human rights may face greater difficulties in pressing for restraint on risky firearms exports. Such a shift would thereby dilute the State Departments ability to prevent high-risk transfers.

Fourth, the Trump proposal risks eroding global norms on firearms exports. Over the past two decades, through bilateral and multilateral agreements, the United States has successfully encouraged governments around the world to adopt better laws and policies to stop irresponsible and illegal arms transfers. Many of these agreements note the need to review export licenses on a case-by-case basis, highlight the importance of brokering registration and licensing and contain other key controls. If the United States decides to reduce or remove some of these controls, many other countries may choose to do so as well, particularly if it allows them to better compete with the United States.

Finally, a shift would likely result in less transparency in arms sales. The proposal could eliminate both Congresss and the publics view of U.S. firearms sales authorizations and deliveries around the world because the Commerce Departments annual reports cover only about 20 countries. Furthermore, there are no public end-use reports on arms exports authorized by the Commerce Department such as those for exports authorized by the State Department. The reports are useful to identify key trafficking patterns that can help avoid risky arms transfers.

Sincerely,

David Forbes

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1609</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Denise Pettit

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns.

Firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1610</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anne Hughes

General Comment

Changing this regulation would make it easier for terrorists and oppressive regimes to get firearms. This will lead to more killings and fear around the world with the result of more people fleeing their country. Why do we need to arm the entire world? It just benefits the gun makers and the NRA!

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1611</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Mark Anderton

General Comment

As a defense industry supporter, I support the movement of Category III small arms ammunition regulation from the State Department to the Commerce Department Control List of the Bureau of Industry and Security.

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1612</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: James Melloh Organization: maine psr

General Comment

Please act responsibly. Protect innocent children and others from ruthless slaughter with weapons of war.

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1613</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I am very much opposed to a rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration. Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

Thank you for taking the changes in this rule seriously and considering the safety of the citizens and not the profits of the firearms industry.

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1614</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Jeffrey Kleiner

General Comment

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to protest the proposed transfer of gun sales and supervision of the overseas sales of guns from the State Department to the Commerce Department. With the amount of gun violence piling up in the USA, the last thing necessary is more liberal treatment of gun sales. Gun manufacturers and sales considerations should remain under the control of congress with State department oversight. J B Kleiner, MD

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1615</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: JANICE MOLAND

General Comment

The NRA and gun manufacturers want guns everywhere, for everyone, not just here in the United States, but around the world. They are pushing hard for a rule change that would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department (focused on safeguarding our nation) to the U.S. Commerce Department (focused on promoting American business).[1] This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security.

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries.[2] With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey. Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

Here are more details on how the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

- 1. It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5]
- 2. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6]
- 3. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.[7]

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Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

I oppose this change. Thank you for taking action to help make our families, loved ones, our country and our world a safer place.

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1616</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Gerritt and Elizabeth Baker-Smith

General Comment

We have learned that the NRA and gun manufacturers are pushing hard for a rule change that would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department (focused on safeguarding our nation) to the U.S. Commerce Department (focused on promoting American business). This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security.

We oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

This rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place for these reasons, among others:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.

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It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

All of which leads us to urge that this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department be OPPOSED!

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1617</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Alice Feldman

General Comment

I OPPOSE SWITCHING FIREARMS REGULATIONS TO US COMMERCE DEPARTMENT! The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.[4]

Here are more details on how the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5] It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6] It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the glob

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1618</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Kathy Anonymous

General Comment

Don't transfer authority for reviewing export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms to the

Commerce Department. Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in

the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and

Turkey. The Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of

Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist

organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American

guns and ammunition.

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1619</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Greg Hamby

General Comment

Greetings, I am opposed to having the Commerce Department oversee Gun Exports from the United States. This mistaken proposal by the Gun Lobby could put more guns in the hands of terrorists. The State Department needs to remain in charge of Gun Exports to make sure weapons do not end up in the wrong hands and places.

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1620</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Christine Fidance

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1621</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: John Horejsi

General Comment

The NRA and gun manufacturers want guns everywhere, for everyone, not just here in the United States, but around the world. They are pushing hard for a rule change that would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department (focused on safeguarding our nation) to the U.S. Commerce Department (focused on promoting American business).[1] This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security.

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1622</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Nancy Chismar

General Comment

A rule change that would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department (focused on safeguarding our nation) to the U.S. Commerce Department (focused on promoting American business) would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security. This is NOT acceptable.

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1623</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Denise Lytle

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1624</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Thomasin Willard

General Comment

I strongly oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security. Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey. Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

Please leave these regulations under the authority of the State Department - the proposed change benefits the NRA and arms profiteers, and no one else.

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1625</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Ursula Cohrs

General Comment

I m writing because I am against moving the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department which is focused on safeguarding our nation, to the U.S. Commerce Department which is focused on promoting American business.

This transfer of authority would open floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security.

- It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program (in place since 1940) which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.
- It would also remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.
- And it would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms.

As an example to the last comment: When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

We all know that firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations.

This is why fireamrs should be subject to more controls, not less!

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1626</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Michael Goldstein

General Comment

This change will further the danger to the citizen by favoring a business profit over human life -I emplore you please don't sell the lives of our children and ourselves . M Goldsten.

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1627</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Frances Bennett

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms exports from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. There are safety measures in place that would require licenses that are meant to keep arms transfers, including the blocking of 3D printing of arms, carefully monitored. KEEP THESE RULES IN PLACE AND UNDER THE STATE DEPT.

Commerce does not have the resources in personnel to oversee and keep arms from ending up in the hands of terrorists, arms traffickers and other dangerous entities. Our nation is safer with arms sales being under the State Dept. The safety of our nation is more critical than profits.

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1628</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Susan Kerbel

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1629</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: James Klein

General Comment

I strongly Oppose a rule change that would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

The rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place.

Common sense gun safety measures, like numerous other issues (climate change, food labeling, immigration reform, prison reform, education reform, short-term lending regulation, healthcare reform, banking regulation, opioid regulation) remains a vexing problem primarily due to corporations' ability to curry favor with elected officials. The corrupting influence of money in our political system is undermining our democratic traditions and discouraging Americans from voting and/or running for office. This ominous development may well end our experiment in representative democracy unless we alter this decades-long trend. For the sake of the republic, we must amend the US Constitution to state that corporations are not people (and do not have constitutional rights) and money is not speech (and thus can be regulated by state and/or federal campaign finance laws). Short of accomplishing this, no other reform of significance will be achieved. The moneyed interests will turn any reform to their benefit, often at the expense of the nation as a whole.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9433-d6je **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1630</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Cindy Ware

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U>S> State Department to the U>S> Commerce Department

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1631</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Dominica LoBianco

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1632</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Mary Ross

General Comment

To Whom It May Concern,

I am extremely concerned about the proposed changes in the regulations for guns.

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.[4]

Here are more details on how the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5] It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6] It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.[7]

We need safe and thoughtful gun regulations...not exporting guns for a less secure and stable world.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9433-k2pl **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1633</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Catherine Rymsza

General Comment

I oppose the transfer of gun regulations from the state dept to the commerce dept

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1634</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Mary Smith

General Comment

The Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1635</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not fewer.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9433-ccnh **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1636</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Karen Williams

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1637</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Damon Mills

General Comment

I am against this change that would move regulations to export firearms to the department of commerce rather than the state department, the state department should continue to regulate export of firearms.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9433-pqkt **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1638</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Karen Cohen

General Comment

This is just another way for gun manufacturers to make more money and has nothing to do with people's rights. I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1639</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Suzy Clarkson Holstein

General Comment

I oppose the rule change which would put international fire arms sales under the jurisdiction of the Commerce Department. In an era when we are concerned about terrorism and weapons availability, it seems very wrong to move gun sales into a sphere where profit would be the chief concern and not national security. Please keep arms sales under the oversight of Defense.

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1640</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Vicki Linkin

General Comment

This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey. The Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition. Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9433-q6oz **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1641</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Gary Korengel

General Comment

Please do not transfer the responsibilities for gun exports outside the US from the US State Department to the US Commerce Department.

Individual company's goals are to increase sales and dividends for shareholder, not worry if they are selling deadly weapons to terrorist nations and organizations.

The US State Department is much better equipped to process and regulate the export of semi-automatic guns and all lethal weapons than the US Commerce Department.

Keep American's save now and in the future. We do not want to be fighting terrorist groups that use US made guns.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9433-p7sw Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1642</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Frank Wissler

Organization: 695 Hillcrest Trl

General Comment

Another step in reducing the security of our nation in the narrow interests of padding the bottom line of manufacturers. Just one more step to fascism.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9433-82st **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1643</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Alexandra Walter

General Comment

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9433-p5dp Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1644</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Andrea Zinn

General Comment

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9433-n7he **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1645</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: James Krist

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. The US SHOULD NOT BE EXPORTING MILITARY WEAPONS!!!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9433-2by0 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1646</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Janie Horowitz

General Comment

I guess, not enough people have died to be a sufficient amount to Warrant gun control! Shame on you!

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9433-fr7i Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1647</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Jessica Livingston

General Comment

Keep firearms classified as "military" to keep Americans safe. Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9433-7roa **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1648</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Julie Sears

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9433-2i9e **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1649</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Brad Johnson

General Comment

This is horrible. The consequences of this will be dire.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9433-16ze **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1650</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Patricia Copenhaver

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations for firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. This is a question of national security, as Commerce lacks the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere, which means firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9433-s7yw **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1651</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: michael pyle

General Comment

I vehemently oppose this rule and will vote against "Anyone" who votes for it. We have enough issues with what's already in place regarding assault weapons. This rule is disgusting.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9433-w9md **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: <u>DOS-2017-0046-0001</u>

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1652</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Ruth Neifeld

General Comment

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed regulatory change that would move firearm exports from the U.S. State Department to the Commerce Department. Munitions sales should be more closely monitored, not less so.

Thank you for your consideration.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9433-f2gc **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: <u>DOS-2017-0046-0001</u>

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1653</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Cheryl Ritch

General Comment

I oppose the rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. I do not believe that this change is in the best interest of the people in our country or the people in the world at large.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9433-t3q1 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1654</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Katherine Bartel

General Comment

The last thing we need is to supply arms to foreign nations. All this talk about securing our borders is meaningless when arms are made available to anyone anywhere. ISIS already loves coming here to restock their arsenals--this would make even travel unnecessary to them. The NRA cares only about making money, not about freedom, democracy or security. The U.S. Department of State is the proper place to decide where weapons can safely be shared.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9433-45t8 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1655</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Reed Floarea

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9433-d2pw Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: <u>DOS-2017-0046-0001</u>

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1656</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Sabrina Sutliff-Gross

General Comment

I oppose the rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9433-hmp7 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1657</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Dan Esposito

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Thank you.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9433-fll1 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: <u>DOS-2017-0046-0001</u>

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1658</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Shannon Shea

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Congress needs to able to know about large-scale sales of arms in other countries, especially to countries with major human rights abuses. Changing the current rule could pose major risks to national security and human rights worldwide.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9433-ypzf Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1659</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Kim Kensler-Prager

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. We need gun safety in our country not pandering to the NRA.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9433-11fz **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1660</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Marion Tidwell

General Comment

I strongly oppose this rule change. Export of weapons should not be overseen by a body with self interest at stake. it should be a matter of national interest.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9433-obli **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1661</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: John W. Bova

General Comment

This rule change is not needed and in fact is a dangerous move only meant to sell more guns to more unstable people!

Please don't let this go through, the world is dangerous enough now!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9433-7f6f **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1662</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Lisa Holm

General Comment

I am writing in opposition to the commercialization of guns. We have seen the devastating impact of commercialization in the US. I am adamantly opposed to exporting this deadly policy to other countries.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9433-9xe1 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1663</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Cynthia Edney

General Comment

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

It would eliminate the State Department's Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.

It would remove the State Department's block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

None of this will make US citizens safer from gun violence.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9433-go1p **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1664</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Brian Fink

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9433-vkfa **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1665</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Greg Nicholas

General Comment

As a VN veteran, I believe there should be no weakening of arms sales. There are to many everywhere.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9433-dh4o Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1666</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Greg Gaucher

General Comment

My point of view is that there should not be any changes to control over international sales of weapons of death. The state department has done an admiral job of protecting our interests world wide.

The transfer of these responsibilities to the commerce department might vacillate exporting of more death around the world. In effect we would be making it easier to provide the means to create more death

some of that death will be the death of more Americans and that is certainly not we want nor is it what we want to be known for.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9433-qhyr Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1667</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking. It would also remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9433-ag39 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1668</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Eileen Prefontaine

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9433-kqy9 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: <u>DOS-2017-0046-0001</u>

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1669</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Barbara Samuels

General Comment

There is too much arms traffic right now. The world need less, not more arms being sent out. Stop this change to make it easier for big business to make more money while setting up more threats to to us and others around the world.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9433-05w1 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1670</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: R Gray

General Comment

I am submitting this comment in strong opposition to the proposed rule to transfer oversight of small arms (firearms) exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department. This rule would make U.S. exports of small arms far more dangerous by transferring controls to an agency that prioritizes doing business over safeguarding national security. The rules elimination of congressional oversight of commercial weapons sales of \$1 million or more is also reckless. This rule has one purpose only: to garner profits for a U.S. gun industry that is faring poorly in the domestic market. It comes after years of lobbying by the NRA and National Shooting Sports Foundation. No one else asked for it or wanted it. The NSSF, the trade group for the gun industry, has already boasted the rule would lead to a 20% increase in American gun exports. We see the gun lobbys influence in the rules description of semiautomatic assault rifles like the AR-15 as civilian products. These weapons were not designed for household use, they were designed to kill en masse on the battlefield. That is why they are the weapons of choice for mass shooters. If you go forward with this disastrous policy, I will do everything in my powerpeacefully and democraticallyto hold your leadership accountable for the resulting global bloodshed. That will include advocating against your budget priorities across-the-board until a new, non-corrupt administration can come in and clean house.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9433-1t3o **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1671</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: FRANCIS DANCE

General Comment

I strongly oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9433-64i3 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1672</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Eileen Donnelly

General Comment

No more guns . We need stricter regulations rather than less

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9433-59wu **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1673</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Steven Winston

General Comment

I'm a teacher. I was teaching 30 minutes away from Newtown, CT when the Sandy Hook massacre occurred. I had students who knew murdered first graders. There was an active shooter situation near a college campus 30 minutes from my current house this week in which a New York State Trooper was killed. The gun violence in this country needs to be reigned in. In the interests of National Security, arms regulations must be regulated by a department interested in national security, NOT commerce. Please, we are failing to protect our citizens from firearms badly enough as it is.

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1674</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Susan Hanlon

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9433-uty5 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1675</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Dawn Tubbs

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns. Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition. The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9433-oram **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1676</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Katie Berkowitz

General Comment

Guns are more than a commodity. We need to be careful about selling them to people who might be enemies tomorrow. There should be much more care shown in selling these types of things. Do not move this to the Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9433-ji06 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1677</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Beverly Railsback

General Comment

I oppose this rule change which would switch the regulation of firearms exports from the US State Department to the US Department of Commerce. This would remove any congressional oversight of firearms exports and potentially allowing exports to dangerous foreign parties.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9433-jn1p **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1678</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Amy Unger

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9434-ig57 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1679</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

- 1. It would eliminate the State Department's Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.
- 2. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.
- 3. It would remove the State Department's block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.
- 4. Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

This change would only serve two purposes: to further the NRA's agenda to enrich the gun industry, and to further Putin's plan to destabilize the world!

There is NO sane reason for making this change!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9434-7m04 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1680</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Kathy Watson

General Comment

Stop caving to the NRA Bull Shit.

Look at Australia and how they have dramatically reduced Gun Violence. More Guns DO NOT MAKE US SAFER!!!!!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9434-jxo1 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1681</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Paul Palla

General Comment

THE NRA IS A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION THAT COLLUDED WITH THE RUSSIANS IN 2016. DO NOT GIVE THESE TRAITORS ANYTHING THEY WANT!

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9434-wsev Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1682</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Jan and Mike Mahaffey

General Comment

We most definitely oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. This is only in the best interest of the NRA. How much power is enough? We need gun control legislation to support the safely of our children, families and law abiding citizens! Lets use some common sense!!!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9434-ejn9 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1683</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Sheila Wentzel

General Comment

To change fire arms sales from the Dept. of State to the Dept. of Commerce is to place the security of the United States at risk. It places all Americans at risk from foreign entities who would be able to purchase military grade weapons at will and use them against us. Do not let this happen.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9434-68v0 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1684</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Pamela Kjono

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. You can also copy and paste in other parts of this email, too, in order to make your case.

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries.[2] With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.[3]

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.[4]

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5] It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6] It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.[7]

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9434-qrw1 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1685</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Lily Lau-Enright

General Comment

I oppose in the strongest voice this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Our world is already in an unsafe and perilous state with rampant uncontrolled gun violence here and abroad. Allow the State Dept to continue its authority to oversee the sale and transfer of firearms. Do not transfer this authority to the Dept of Commerce that has no experience with national security and does not have adequate staff to enforce these new functions. This rule change would hugely threaten the safety and security of our own country as well as internationally.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9434-7agn **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: <u>DOS-2017-0046-0001</u>

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1686</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Katherine Slawinski

General Comment

I want you to know I oppose this rule change, which would allow the U.S. Commerce Department to regulate firearms exports, taking it away from the U.S. State Department. This opens the way for promotion of licensing semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms, rather than their regulation. This must not happen!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9434-z1p6 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1687</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Marian Gamble

General Comment

I am submitting this comment in strong opposition to the proposed rule to transfer oversight of non-military firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9434-pkw6 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1688</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Susan Stromberg

General Comment

Moving regulations on firearms from the State Dept. to the Commerce Dept. would increase violence around the world. It would be too easy for large quantities of weapons to be exported to dictatorships, terrorists, and organized crime.

Keep the current regulations in the State Dept.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9434-mbyp **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1689</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Ann Rogers

General Comment

Quit selling. military weapons all over the world. We will never have peace that way. I feel sorry for those who think this is the only way to earn money. It is blood money!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9434-3c4l **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1690</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Annette Shaughnessy

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

In addition, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

This rule change must not be implemented.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9434-wykt **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1691</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Scott Sinclair

General Comment

Keep control over gun sales to foreign nations. Gangs would have even more power if they can buy weapons more freely.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9434-icqv **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1692</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Thomas Perez

General Comment

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9434-e0a8 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1693</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Eleanor Sylvestro

General Comment

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less! I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9434-150w **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1694</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Henriet Nadler cohen

General Comment

To Whom It May Concern,

I am a mother, a clinical Social Worker who is ardently concerned about the importance of gun control as a way to maintain a civilized society and protect human life from the use of guns to harm others. Currently, I am wriing in opposition to moving export license oversight for firearms from the Department of State to the Department of Commerce because this rule change treats semiautomatic assault rifles as non-military." This is despite the fact that U.S troops routinely use their military rifles in semiautomatic mode, these weapsons are used by state and non-state groups in armed conflicts and the civilian possession of such weapons is profhibited in many countries. The proposed rule also" eliminates Congressional oversight for important gun export deal transfers the cost of processing licenses from gun manufacturers to taxpayers; and, enables unchecked gun production in the U.S and exports abroad by removing the block on 3 D printing of firearms.

This proposal reduces transparency and reporting on gun exports and transfers gun export licensing from an agency with a mission to promote stability, conflict reduction and human rights, to an agency with a mission to promote trade and lacks the resources to adequately enforce export controls.

Keep The U.S State Department in charge and control of export license oversight for firearms. Thank you.

Henriet Nadler-Cohen

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9434-f1ja **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1695</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Gail Fleischaker

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. It is a naked attempt to allow greater export, hence greater production -- all for the interests of U.S. arms manufacturers.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9434-pro4 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1696</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9434-s9o3 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1697</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: MIKE SHUNNEY

General Comment

Weapons manufacturers want to sell guns everywhere, for everyone, not just here in the United States, but around the world. They are pushing hard for a rule change that would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department (focused on safeguarding our nation) to the U.S. Commerce Department (focused on promoting American business).[1] This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security.

Right now, firearms exports are classified as "military." This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries.[2] With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.[3]

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.[4]

Here are more details on how the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

It would eliminate the State Department's Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5]

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6] DOSWASHINGTONSUP03329

It would remove the State Department's block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.[7]

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less.

- [1] "Trump move would make it easier for U.S. gun manufacturers to export firearms," The Washington Times, May 14, 2018.
- [2] "Trump wants to make foreign arms sales easier," The Boston Globe, June 23, 2018.
- [3] Ibid., The Boston Globe
- [4] "American Guns Drive the Migrant Crisis That Trump Wants to Fix With a Wall," The Trace, May 25, 2017.
- [5] "The Trump administration proposes making gun exports easier. Here's how to submit your public comment on this dangerous proposal," Violence Policy Center.
- [6] Ibid., Violence Policy Center.
- [7] "U.S. requires group to remove 3-D gun instructions from its website," CNN.com, May 13, 2013.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9434-56yo **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1698</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Deborah Doane

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

The State Department will protect us against terrorism. Otherwise through commerce, we could enable ant-Americanist to arm itself and attack us.

Don't do it!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9434-r53p **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1699</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I am opposed to transferring the power of arms sales from the state department to the commerce department. We need fewer guns in this world Guns dont solve problems. People do. The NRA is only interested in making money on the sale of arms and not the lives of people they destroy.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9434-ovdr Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1700</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: A.M. Hess

General Comment

I oppose changing the rules to change regulations of firearms exports from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. U.S. weapons already flood the globe, fueling deadly conflicts worldwide, and I do not want Commerce pushing weapons as a business interest. The State Department's job is protecting our country, and they need to oversee firearms exports in order to do so.

Keep firearms exports under the purview of the U.S. State Department. Thank you.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9434-dgcw **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1701</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Ann Thryft

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. With this rule change, Congress would no longer be able to block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries, because it would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey. The Commerce Department does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls and its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9434-bmsa **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1702</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Elizabeth Schwartz

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9434-uvrd Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1703</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Robert Cassinelli

General Comment

As this nation currently has weapons enough for every man, woman and child extant, where is there a need for more of the same? The United States does not need foreign made weapons to become part of that current arsenal of arms in the nation.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9434-8f2r **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1704</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I am appalled at this idea and would like to see stricter gun laws not easier access through the absurd channel of the Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9434-6ca4 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1705</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Cheryl McDowell

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9434-k5z3 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1706</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Kenneth DeBey

General Comment

To whom it my concern:

The rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5] It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6] It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9434-bb9l Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1707</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Jane Holt

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe. Please don't switch the regulations from the US State Department to the Department of Commerce.

thank you

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9434-f3x0 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1708</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Alexander Kofsky

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9434-dxun **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1709</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Lynn Johnson

Organization: concerned citizen

General Comment

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

The Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

I strongly oppose this proposed rule.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9434-bam2 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1710</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Karen Resciniti

General Comment

I am opposed to switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department because it would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and it would further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9434-dgv7 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1711</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Mary Francina Golden

General Comment

I am totally opposed to switching control of firearms exports to the Commerce Dept. This will pose a threat to our national security at a time where there is great unrest in the world.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9434-cet4 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1712</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Robert Handelsman

General Comment

Keep arms export licenses in the State Department

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9434-z1d5 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1713</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: William Wallin

Organization: Wallin Mental Medical

General Comment

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.[4]

Here are more details on how the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5] It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6] It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.[7]

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9434-dfd1 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1714</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Dave Batten

General Comment

It would be a colossal mistake to treat firearms, particularly semi-automatic weapons, as commodity for export. Providing lethal weapons abroad requires thoughtful review and followup that should remain with the State Department. Let's not export violence to the world in the name of making a buck for weapons manufacturers.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9434-mmf8 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1715</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: jennifer valentine

General Comment

I oppose the rule change

the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5] It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6]

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.[7]

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9434-wxwx **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1716</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Geneva Metzger

General Comment

Please do not switch the oversight of the sale of hand weapons from the Dept. of State to the Dept. of Commerce. Our nation has the highest number of deaths committed by regular citizens with personal guns than anyplace else in the world. We should not want this happening anyplace else in the world since we already know that our country has not wanted to or has not been able to deter the number of deaths in this country via personal guns. We should not do anything that would make this a problem or a worse problem anyplace else in the world. The Dept. of Commerce can be pressured by large businesses and might let that pressure by gun manufacturers to influence them to relax rules. We have more than enough deaths every year than we should because of guns. We should not export that problem anyplace. God only can help us if we export this problem to the rest of the world.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9434-yvg5 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1717</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Annabelle Van Dyke

General Comment

I strongly oppose the proposed rule change that would switch regulation of firearms exports from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Some countries that should not have access to large shipments of firearms would benefit from this change.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9434-qfo4 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1718</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: K.V. Schwartz

General Comment

I oppose moving international traffic in arms regulations from the State Department to the Commerce Department because the Blue Lantern program of the State Department is highly effective at preventing sale of firearms to countries with human rights violations.

State Department also blocks exportation of firearms to countries and organized crime groups that pose a security threat to the US. The Department of Commerce lacks experienced professionals capable of determining which potential recipient countries pose a security threat to the US.

We must aim for world peace, not maximizing gun exports to enrich US arms manufacturers.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9434-iwg0 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1719</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Eve Gregg

General Comment

Why does the government allow itself to be bullied by the NRA?!?! Regulating arms sales is the job of the State department. Gun manufacturers already profit enough from guns terrorizing U.S. citizens--don't open new floodgates for arms sales internationally and further jeopardize our national security.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9434-c2nj Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1720</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Lynda Schneekloth

General Comment

I STRONGLY oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5]

- 1. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6]
- 2. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.[7]

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9434-2pak **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1721</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: victoria wade

General Comment

I am writing today to voice my sincere opposition to this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

This move would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would REMOVE this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration. This is unacceptable.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my comment.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9434-912f **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1722</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Andrew Michaelson

General Comment

I oppose the rule change that loosens the Blue Lantern program my decade of experience in police work made it very clear to me that wider availability of guns directly leads to more deaths.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9434-5saf **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1723</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Elizabeth Milliken

General Comment

I write to let you know that I strongly oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9434-u0pc **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1724</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: BrendaLee Lennick

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

HERES THE LOW DOWN: Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries.[2] With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.[3]

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.[4]

Here are more details on how the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

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Submit comments now to the State Department and the Commerce Department opposing the rule change.

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

Thank you for taking action to help make our country and our world a safer place. #VeteransForPeace #MomsDemandAction

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9434-vtgr **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1725</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Kevin Berrill

General Comment

I urge the Commerce and State Departments to oppose relaxing rules that would make it easier for U.S. firearm manufacturers to export assault rifles and other guns, with less oversight and accountability. With gun violence killing 1,000 people around the world every day, we should be making it harder, not easier, to export U.S. made weapons of war.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9434-yye3 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1726</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: John Tischhauser

General Comment

I am strongly opposed to moving the administration of export licenses for weapons to the commerce Dept. whose emphasis would be on approving sales rather than concern for American safety. There are too many weapons loose in the world now without opening the floodgates for more.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9434-pgc0 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1727</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Wendy James

General Comment

I strongly oppose the rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Please keep firearms exports classified as military because they are! And keep it under the regulation of the State Department, so that Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries in the name of national security or human rights concerns.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9434-g09g **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1728</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Caitlin Johnston

General Comment

I am against any changes to international regulations governing the sale/export/import of firearms.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9434-z4kk Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1729</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Stephen Rosenblum

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9434-3iay **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1730</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: John Thomson

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9434-83tc **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: <u>DOS-2017-0046-0001</u>

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1731</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Virginia Keith

General Comment

My name is Virginia L Keith, I live at 4531 14th Ave S, in Minneapolis, Minnesota 55407 I am opposed to the rule change that would make it easier to sell guns around the world without adequate oversight. Also 3 D printing of guns rule should NOT be changed. We are a wash in guns I know the GOP thinks we need more guns but that is just wrong. We need to keep the oversights we now have and not to change them for a quick buck.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9434-qtxd **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1732</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Mary Jane Engh

General Comment

I strongly oppose changing the control of arms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department. This would deprive Congress and the State Department of the ability to prevent U.S. gun manufacturers from arming dictators, rebels, civil wars, criminals, and enemy regimes around the world, all in the name of profit.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9434-cdp2 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1733</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Esther Diamondstone

General Comment

I oppose moving the regulations of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department. Haven't we already had enough of Americans being killed abroad by American weaponry in someone else's hands?

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9434-b8i6 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1734</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Sue Remaley

General Comment

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9434-5und **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1735</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Sr. Margaret Ann Arnold

General Comment

I oppose the rule change that would switch regulations of firearms from the US State department to the US Commerce Dept.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9434-3r2t **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1736</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Margaret Colvin

General Comment

I oppose change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

The rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

- 1. It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.
- 2.It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.
- 3.It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder,

Cody Wilson, posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with

violating arms export laws. They were able to do this because his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with

access to a 3D printer, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing

of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

For these reasons, I believe this is an irresponsible rule change.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9434-u7fi **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1737</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9434-mkeo **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1738</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Joann Hagen

General Comment

I am very opposed to a change to the Dept of Commerce because of the lack of oversight which makes it easier to traffic gun and allow 3D printing of weapons. Our government will lose control of sales. De we really want to be the arms seller to the whole world? Don't fall for this NRA push. Guns do not make us safer...here at home or in the world.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9434-u7of Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1739</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9434-97in **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1740</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Ken O'Connell

General Comment

To whom it may concern,

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

So please keep gun sales the way are, under the State Department.

A concerned Navy Combat Veteran!

Sincerely, Ken O'Connell

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9434-pxvf **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1741</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Don Hnatowich

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9434-huf7 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1742</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Adam Mills

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. You can also

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9434-lqhj **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1743</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Susan Richardson

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9434-b8ff Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1744</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Louis Russ

General Comment

My son Hanif Russ was shoot & killed in April 2016 as result of the excessive easy access of guns in . B'ham police know the killer but have yet to arrest him

They probably feel that since he was not from a prominent B'ham family is life does not matter to them.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9434-38n0 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1745</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: margaret medford

General Comment

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries.[2] With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.[3]

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

As a voting citizen, I ask you NOT to change the rules!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9434-wn6e **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1746</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Joel Trupin

General Comment

I oppose any rule change that would make it easier to sell guns, including putting regulation over such transactions into the Commerce Department. Guns are a major problem in this country, as well as in other countries where our arms industries do business.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9434-ordp Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1747</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anita Knipping

General Comment

I vote no against this. Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking, and it would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms.

When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

Please reconsider your stance. It's dangerous enough here as it is.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9434-qjok Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1748</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Jeannette Stokols

General Comment

I strongly oppose any change in regulation of firearms from the State Department to the Commerce Department. There are so many countries and non-state actors that would take advantage of any laxity in this regulation and this could create more violence, chaos, repression in countries around the world. There is already enough violence in the world without making it even easier to enact it.

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.[4]

All of the effects below would be highly detrimental to safety around the world and ultimately, hurtful as well for U.S. citizens:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9434-72c3 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1749</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Raven Deerwater

General Comment

On this Independence day, please do not shift the exporting of military grade firearms to the Commerce Department -- all it will do is fuel terrorism and make the world less safe. Do not trifle with US Security so gun manufacturers can get more sales.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9434-nd0g **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1750</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Catherine Mendoza Organization: retired

General Comment

I strongly object to and resist the suggested change of control of worldwide automatic weapons sales out of the State Department and into the Department of Commerce. This change would encourage the arming of the world - without the reviews necessary to protect this nation! This is a bald move to increase the sales of weapons manufacturers and the NRA. This must not happen!

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9434-j8kd Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: <u>DOS-2017-0046-0001</u>

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1751</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Katherine White-Fletcher

General Comment

Please do not allow exportation of our deplorable gun policies to other countries thru passage of this bill!! No one, no other society need do the research on the ultra violent effects of increased access and decreased oversight of firearms proliferation! We are living - and dying proof - that this is a bad idea and not at all what the founding fathers had in mind!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9434-au1v **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: <u>DOS-2017-0046-0001</u>

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1752</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Holly Dhynes

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9434-cn4o **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: <u>DOS-2017-0046-0001</u>

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1753</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Jill allbritton

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9435-n7ro Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1754</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Vanna Cleary

General Comment

I am totally against changing the supervision of gun and munition sales to international buyers from the State Department to the Commerce Department. The sale of these weapons of war should not be governed by people only interested in the fostering of commerce. These are not typical exports. These exports kill people. Their governance should be with the department that is more concerned with maintaining peace, rather than with the department that is concerned primarily with fostering profit.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9435-xf9n **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1755</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Annie McCuen

General Comment

Oh my goodness.... who would want proliferation of guns, arms of any kind.... greedy, fearful, mean spirited people! Look what happens in our poor country, look what happens where guns are funnelled in around the world... chaos, mayhem, abuse, hunger, decimination of ethnic groups... the culture of guns prays on masses who feel inferior, cheated, fearful, the sick in mind who have no other means but vengeful behavior. How terribly sad for such a small planet!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9435-x7yp **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1756</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: David Besser

General Comment

You can write in something like: I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Turning firearm sales into a commodity is not the way to address gun violence; it would just be another score for the NRA and the gun industry.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9435-3tzp Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I,

II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1757</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Gertrude Crowley

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

Another terrible idea put forward by this administration to promote more war and terrorism around the world. Do not try and pull the wool over Americans' eyes, this move jeopardizes our safety and futures further.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9435-siyw **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1758</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Stephen Dutschke

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the

U.S. Commerce Department.

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce

Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal

agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes

countries and causes mass migration.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9435-moxy Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1759</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Eleanor Rizzo

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9435-u2ay **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1760</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: John Najemy

General Comment

Flooding the world with assault weapons will bring mayhem to the rest of the world, as it has to our own country. Such weapons could easily find their way to terrorists. This should be stopped.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9435-1zu5 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1761</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Tlaloc Tokuda

General Comment

The proposed rule changes that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department is a NO BRAINER! This rule change must have been dreamed up by the NRA and gun manufacturers! What does the Commerce Dept. try to do? SELL MORE! Who are the people who normally get guns, war lords, gangsters, military juntas, etc.?!! Trump and his Republicans cronies are always talking about the national security but these rule changes would put more lethal weapons into the wrong hands and make us less safe.

I was thinking how can anyone come up with such a crazy idea, then realize how strong the NRA and its lobbyist are. This rule change will make the world a totally UNSAFE PLACE. This rule change should NOT be entertained or applied!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9435-9eeg **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1762</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

No, this change in arms regulations must not be approved. For gunsmiths to have to fill out a little paperwork and pay fees is merely inconvenient and a small price to pay to keep military style weapons out of the hands of terrorists and crazies who like to shoot up schools and public places. We need MORE regulation, not less.

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1763</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Michael Loewenstein

General Comment

- 1. Do not eliminate the Blue Lantern Program.
- 2. Do not eliminate licensing for Brokers
- 3, Do not remove black on 3d printing of Firearms

Firearms are dangerous. Most people know how to use them, what they don't know is WHEN to use them, IF EVER.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9435-emyo **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1764</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Paul Eusey

General Comment

I vehemently oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. What type of moronic stupid and evil is behind this proposed change is ghastly abhorrent and as a proud American, its just unthinkable. You have my permission and encouragement to publicly bitch slap the moron(s) behind this bonehead stupid proposal. This is wrong, its immoral, its stupid personified, its evil, its unpatriotic, and I hope everyone has the common sense and decency to toss this back into the shit can of stupidity from whence it came. Thank You!

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Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1765</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Don Hunter

General Comment

I believe the U.S. should strictly regulate the sale of firearms to other countries. The State Department is more appropriate than Commerce to oversee the sales. Further, the U.S. government should not encourage sales of firearms to other countries. The gun industry has shown that it will go to extreme lengths to promote firearm sales, without consideration for the societal impacts of doing so.

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Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II,

and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1766 Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: PJ Stewart

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. We must protect society in general, but especially our children and grandchildren in schools, parks, and everywhere.

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

It would also eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the world.

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9435-1kc4 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1767</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: dixie fletcher

General Comment

I oppose the transfer of this important role of monitoring the sale of guns and assault weapons from the State Dept to the Commerce dept. As we have learned in the past, selling guns to other countries can come back to bite us in the ass when those same weapons are used against us later!! Any sales of firearms should be carefully monitored and the commerce dept does not have the staff to manage this. Please leave this important task in the hands of those who care about human rights and issues of the abuse of power. sincerely,

Dixie fletcher

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9435-mhy5 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1768</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: frances hugg

General Comment

The United States already holds the world's record for mass shootings among a civilian population not engaged in a war or civil conflict! Now by this horrendous change from the State Department to the Commerce Department, you want to endanger us to mass shootings abroad as well! You want the NRA to spread its mayhem of death throughout the world! This is unconscionable! and unacceptable! SHAME ON THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION AND ITS RECKLESS DISREGARD FOR HUMAN LIFE IN THE NAME OF GREEDY PROFIT FOR THE GUN MANUFACTURERS!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9435-wepe **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1769</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I would appreciate the US Department of State reconsider the implications of International Traffic in Arms Regulations. The US doesn't need everyone having access to weapons to use against us. Like they say, if someone wants a weapon, they will find it one way or another, which usually means someone is going to get hurt. There is enough hurt in this world to last a lifetime or two. Please investigate the awful ramifications of this change. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9435-2ipl **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1770</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Robert Kuning

General Comment

I oppose the rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration. The NRA is supporting and pushing this legislation to enable gun manufacturers to reap more profits at the cost of more innocent lives.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9435-q1eu **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1771</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9435-dy9c Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1772</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Janet Muir

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulation of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. If this change is made, Congress would no longer be informed of large arms sales or be able to block them. Military-style weapons, such as semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms, could be exported to dangerous foreign countries, threatening our national security. Furthermore, the Commerce Department does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls, so firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

This change would also eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking. And it would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms, allowing anyone to make unlimited numbers of weapons.

This administration has claimed that our national security is risked by immigrants at our borders, but this change -- initiated only for motives of profit -- would have the effect of increasing civil wars and gang violence in foreign countries that would bring more people seeking asylum to our borders. Our non-stop wars on terrorism would be made more difficult and costly if our enemies can purchase military-style weapons with impunity.

For all these reasons, this change of regulatory control would be serving the arms makers, but hurting the country as a whole. I oppose it and I hope you will too.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9435-ber5 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1773</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Leslie Herman

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

This rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

- It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[1]
- It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[2]
- It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.[3]
- [1] The Trump administration proposes making gun exports easier. Heres how to submit your public comment on this dangerous proposal, Violence Policy Center.
- [2] Ibid., Violence Policy Center.
- [3] "U.S. requires group to remove 3-D gun instructions from its website," CNN.com, May 13, 2013.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9435-wemu **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1774</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: James and Leslee McPherson

General Comment

I oppose changing oversight of gun sales from the State Department (national security) to the Commerce Department (boosting American sales abroad). The USA should not become an international death merchant.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9435-4ku8 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1775</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Kelly Mcconnell Organization: 2EZ Computers

General Comment

STOP arming the world. The US is THE largest terrorist organization in the world today. The US is THE largest supplier of weapons to EVERY COUNTRY IN THE WORLD. The US is THE largest instigator and enabler of violence and conflict in the world.

I am ashamed to say that I'm an American and when I travel outside the US I'm afraid to admit I'm an American because we have ensured that most of the world hates us by fostering violence and repression and protecting the biggest polluters and resource thieves from local accountability everywhere we, as a country, go.

WE are the worldwide threat to democracy that we accuse others of being and that needs to STOP.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9435-jccm **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1776</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Kathryn Johanessen

General Comment

The Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.[4]

Here are more details on how the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5] It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6] It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9435-3j9o Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1777</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: JORDAN ROSS

General Comment

Please do not transfer power over gun sales from the State Dept. to the Dept. of Commerce. This will only encourage more gun sales and violence in this country.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9435-z724 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1778</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I oppose shifting the regulation of firearms from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Such a move would open the sale of massive amounts of weapons to international use. This would be a security threat to both the U.S. and the world. Terrorists could then buy these weapons. Is this what we want?

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9435-5w7e **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1779</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Marianne Ludwig

General Comment

I am appalled about the proposed rule change giving the department of commerce the right to expedite the overseas sale of automatic weapons. We have so many problems with guns in our country and now we seek to export those problems abroad? This is madness!

The State Department is the proper department to determine the need, if any, of these licenses. Lets clean up our own mess before we start destroying someone elses Homeland.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9435-twy5 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1780</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Angie Kung

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition. The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9435-ta2x **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1781</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Sandra Rohde

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. I want to keep our country safe & the world safe.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9435-yz3h **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1782</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Jo Niemann

General Comment

The sale of firearms requires more control, not less, because they kill people around the world every day in acts of terror, political violence, gang warfare, and domestic violence.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9435-iy9q **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1783</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Scott Karstetter

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9435-9gap Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1784</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

With this rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9435-2mxu **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1785</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Pamela Calhoun

General Comment

I oppose any rule change that would switch the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce

Department, which would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal

agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes

countries and causes mass migration.[4]

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9435-kq01 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1786</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Marilyn Guterman

General Comment

The idea of moving the regulation of firearms exports from the state department to the commerce department is truly a bad idea. To cite just a few reasons it would make it easier for dictatorial regimes, organized crime and terrorists to obtain guns in large quantities. It would remove the state department block on the 3D printing of firearms which would make things even worse. It would allow for the destabilization of countries with massive unrest and countless deaths. Please, in the name of peace and sanity do not allow this to happen.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9435-mief Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1787</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Melanie Lipton

General Comment

I oppose this rules change to switch the regulation of fire arms export from the US state department to the US commerce department

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9435-68c2 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1788</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Joanna Kapner

General Comment

I strongly support keeping the regulation of firearms sales under the jurisdiction of the State Department. Do not transfer control to the Commerce Department

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9435-9mo7 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1789</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Susan Bannister

General Comment

I OPPOSE removing firearm exports from DOS and putting them under Commerce Dept. This change would be extremely bad for national security, for the U.S., and for the international community. Removing arms exports from DOS will make it much easier for arms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and rogue states to obtain large quantities of American guns and ammunition. There is no American interest that is served by such a move, as the beneficiaries would seem to be limited to criminals, arms manufacturers, and the NRA.

Removing arms exports from DOS control and oversight would eliminate the Blue Latern program of inspections and reporting;

eliminate broker licensing requirements, which will increase trafficking; eliminate the DOS block on open source instructions for 3D firearm printing; eliminate the ability of Congress to block, in the name of national security, large batch firearm sales to foreign nations; and significantly reduce our ability to enforce firearms exports by putting it in an agency that does not have the ability, experience, or worldwide staff and resources to adequately perform this critical function.

Please, in the immediate and long-term interest of the national security of our country, do NOT move the regulation of firearm exports from DOS to Commerce.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9435-r3da **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1790</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Kristina Cliff-Evans

General Comment

This is a horrendous plan and must not happen. Do not agree to this NRA plan to increase the revenues of ggun manufacturers.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9435-tjpb Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1791</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Margy Patchin

General Comment

This change would set a dangerous precedent.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9435-vy1a Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1792</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: KAREN COULSON

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9435-ybsp **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1793</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anna Yen

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9435-syor **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1794</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Elizabethann Border

General Comment

I am SICK of the NRA running our country. It is time for change and you either get on the rising tide or lose your seat!!

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9435-us7l Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1795</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: CAROL MARSH

General Comment

The proposed rule change that would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department is a horrific idea. Assault weapons have no purpose except to kill human beings, and if the United States starts selling guns around the world to anyone who has the money, the only possible effect would be a massive increase in violent death everywhere.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9435-j5ig Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1796</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Philip Freidenreich

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Firearms exports should continue to be classified as military so that Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries, if it sees fit. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9435-go0t **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1797</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Kate Guideau

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9435-hutb Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1798</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Deborah Dalrymple

General Comment

I oppose the rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9435-vljx **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1799</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Teresa Allen

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

The regulation of firearms should not be about the making of money but the protection of the populace!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9435-x32c **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1800</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: John R Thayer

General Comment

Do not transfer your authority over this to the Commerce Department. You are responsible foe keeping us safe. That is NOT the responsibility of the Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9435-c64m **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1801</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Stephen Mudrick

General Comment

The proposed rule change is dangerous.

- 1.It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5]
- 2.It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6]
- 3.It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.[7]

I am opposed. Thank you

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9435-crf9 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1802</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous from NH Anonymous from NH

General Comment

Dear Regulatory Assistant:

This letter is in opposition to letting the NRA populate the WORLD with arms, especially military arms. The NRA and gun manufacturers want guns everywhere, for everyone, not just here in the United States, but around the world. They (the NRA) are pushing hard for a rule change that would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department (focused on safeguarding our nation) to the U.S. Commerce Department (focused on promoting American business).[1] Trump move would make it easier for U.S. gun manufacturers to export firearms, The Washington Times, May 14, 2018.]

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. In a corresponding article, Trump wants to make foreign arms sales easier, The Boston Globe, June 23, 2018, rhis spells disaster because Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition. We've already seen what massive damage the AR-15 does in America, especially killing innocent people in schools. WE DON'T NEED THE NRA AND THE UNITED STATES DELIVERING MILITARY OR OTHER GUNS AND AMMUNITION BEING SOLD TO THOSE WHO CAN HARM AND KILL INNOCENT PEOPLE FOR GREEDY PURPOSES.

Thank you for listening!

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9435-kzye Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1803</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: D Jessop

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. The purchase of guns should be a much more rigorous process with regular (i.e. yearly) mental evaluation and many other requirements. It's ridiculous that any person - sane or otherwise - can purchase a gun in our country.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9435-j4qu Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1804</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Steven Solomon

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition if the switch is allowed.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9435-9zfb Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1805</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Mark Williams

General Comment

I oppose the rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export -- including semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms -- from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. This transfer of authority would open the floodgates for arms sales internationally, which will seriously undermine our national security when they flow back through our borders illegally and without background checks. The interests of the members of the gun lobby should never be more important than the safety of the American homeland.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9435-6p03 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1806</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: William Schultz

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9435-f8o8 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1807</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Curtis Coulson

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

We do not need the invisible hand of the market increasing the number of guns in the world. And to allow 3D printing of weapons is asking for more mayhem in public spaces.

All for a few dollars.

This is like promoting smoking or recreational opiod use. Future generations will look back and marvel at our stupidity.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9435-6iyl **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1808</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Juliette Blount

General Comment

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration. This is ridiculous and we need to stop pretending that our government is powerless to improve this situation. We know better. It is time to do better!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9435-9p5z **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1809</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Thomas Holley

General Comment

I oppose the rule change shifting overbite for weapon sales to the commerce department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9435-w4wq **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1810</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Sherry Abts

General Comment

To Whom It May Concern,

Firearms regulations should REMAIN within the jurisdiction of US STATE DEPT not Commerce Dept. For better SAFETY of all Americans please keep Firearm regulations under control of US STATE DEPT.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9435-d644 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1811</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Mary Mutch

General Comment

I think your money would be much better spent for the common good by investigating why guns in the hands of civilians are necessary.

Except for hunters, civilians should not need arms if there availability is closely monitored.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9435-4r32 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1812</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Andrew Tomasik

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9435-1csk **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1813</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Lindsay Mugglestone

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9435-vn0l **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1814</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Victoria Silver

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. The State Department can better control the global flow of firearms from the US than Commerce, which does not have the personnel or the bureaucracy to do an effective job. This is simply a sop to the firearm industry promoted by the NRA. Do not change the status quo.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9435-6gkg **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1815</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Julie Shannon

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9435-3cyj Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1816</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Marsha McCroden

General Comment

The rule belongs at the State Department. It is a national security issue. Without it we have no way of telling who is buying, transferring large amounts of arms from the US and to whom we are selling to. I thought this was addressed in the 1980s, when Reagan was selling arms to Khomeini and the proceeds were used to fund the Nicaraguan Contras.

The NRA has put so many roadblocks in the way, we can't even control who has how many guns, if they should have access to them or not, who is buying them online or at gun shows and if they are on terrorist watch lists.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9435-wd3x **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1817</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Alaina Hebert

General Comment

Guns are the number 1 cause of death in America. This must stop.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9435-kvo9 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1818</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Roberta Martin

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

The Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9435-jbpn Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1819</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Steven Wright

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulation of firearms exports from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. This matter is a national security issue and should be subject to regulation and oversight by the State Department and Congress. This responsibility should not be transferred to the U.S. Commerce Department, which has an obvious motivation to increase firearm exports without proper regard for our national security. Thank you.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9435-1ghp **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1820</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Debbie Royalty

General Comment

Dear sirs/Madams,

It has been brought to my attention that the NRA and gun manufacturers are lobbying for a rule change that would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other firearms from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. I strongly disagree with this rule change. This would allow for the focusing of arms sales on economics not on safeguarding persons and country. This transfer of authority would have serious negative implications for our national security.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9435-v865 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1821</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Olivia Diaz

General Comment

This move to the Dept of Commerce is totally inappropriate. I vehemently oppose the move.

By promoting sales throughout the world, our security, as well as the security of the world's population is put in further peril.

Keep the regulations on export licenses of automatic weapons under the purview of the State Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9435-4y0m **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1822</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Betsy Hand

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms exports from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. The State Department is the appropriate agency to regulate firearms (weapons) sales. The Department of Commerce is more aligned with promoting businesses, whether firearms or couches.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9435-tsj0 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1823</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Maria Aragon

General Comment

Guns are a nuisance and a danger in our society. It even says in the Constitution that they should be 'well-regulated' and yet here we: guns for everyone and their Aunt Tillie. This is nuts. Regulate these enablers of harm, these vehicles of hate. The members of the NRA may be buried up to their ears in guns and bullets, but they are vastly out-numbered by all of us other citizens who don't feel the need to carry a gun when we go for our coffee - because we're adults who don't need security blankets to carry on our daily affairs.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9435-p9xo **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1824</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: James Johnson

General Comment

I strongly object to the transfer of control of weapons sales out of the department of state. The department of commerce has no experience with this and the transfer would lead to more weapons in the hands of criminals.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9435-655r **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1825</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Catherine Melina

General Comment

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, and terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more not less regulation. Please leave the authority to oversee international arms sales with the State Department. It will help make our country and our world a safer place.

I know the devastation that firearms cause. As the designer of the Massachusetts Memorial to Homicide Victims, The Garden of Peace, I have listened to the stories of heartbreak experienced by parents who have lost children to gun violence. Don't expose the rest of the world to the horror of mass shootings; school shootings and church shootings, concert shootings, and nightclub shootings and all the other daily violence that we experience in this country! Please.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9436-bopc **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1826</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Stacie Slay

General Comment

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

Please halt this clear attempt to profit on the World's instability and atrocities.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9436-780x **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1827</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Luke Ouradnik Organization: Midco

General Comment

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

Here are more details on how the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place: It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9436-8o5v **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1828</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Valerie Rounds-Atkinson

General Comment

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9436-b4a2 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1829</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Jack Milton

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9436-hdiw **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1830</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

Please keep the export licenses for assault weapons and other firearms with the U.S. Dept. of State - Dept. of Commerce should not be in the gun business.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9436-7bkb **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1831</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Krista Florin

General Comment

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

Thank you for taking action to help make our country and our world a safer place.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9436-39ks Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: <u>DOS-2017-0046-0001</u>

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1832</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Penelope Sweeting

General Comment

Giving the Commerce Dept control of war weapons is not a good thing for America. Trump will not be around forever, causing an imbalance in small nation's powers is not going to help us. It will cause our actual immigration service (not ice] to be unable to keep terrorists out.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9436-bzhs **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1833</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Carol Abbott

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. This should require diplomatic supervision. It should be more than just a business decision.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9436-dexq Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1834</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Barb Travis

General Comment

I adamantly oppose changing the rule that would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department (focused on safeguarding our nation) to the U.S. Commerce Department (focused on promoting American business). This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security. If this rule is changed, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries ere there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey. Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep illegal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9436-rwhf **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1835</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: judith cohen

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S Commerce Department.

Switching this regulation would facilitate firearms exports tot oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and cause mass migration.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9436-2dpb **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1836</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous Organization: Mom'srising.org

General Comment

"I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Safeguarding our nation to putting it up for sale is UnAmerican. This new ruling transfers the authority from the US State Department whose focus is safeguarding our nation to the US Commerce Department whose focus is promoting business. Of course, the NRA and gun manufacturers want this as it will open new floodgates for arms sales internationally with serious implications for our national security. Thus democracy is sabotaged for both our country and we the people--all for the sake of fulfilling corporate and individualistic self interests.

The following are details on how the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place: It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5] It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6] It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.[7] Kindly refrain from supporting this ruling as it will not serve the common good nor the values and culture that formed the United States of America.

Respectfully yours,

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1837</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Kathleen Eaton

General Comment

The NRA and gun manufacturers want guns everywhere, for everyone, not just here in the United States, but around the

world. They are pushing hard for a rule change that would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault

weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department (focused on safeguarding our nation) to the U.S.

Commerce Department (focused on promoting American business). This transfer of authority would open new floodgates

for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department,

and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the rule change, Congress would

no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even

to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau

of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist

organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American

guns and ammunition.

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department

would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal DOSWASHINGTONSUP03471

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agents like organized

crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

Here are more details on how the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of

pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody

Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with

violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer,

anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of

firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political

violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9436-yxzm **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1838</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Lisa Garrett

General Comment

I am opposed to this rule change because I feel it would threaten our national security and ultimately put more weapons in the hands of terrorists who would use them against us. International sales of large quantities of firearms should remain under the control of the State Department. Congress should remain automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security. It is important that this Congressional power remain as the Commerce Department does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition, which could ultimately be used against our own military or our own civilians. Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration. Firearms are a dangerous threat to civilized society. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9436-mrfh **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1839</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Marilyn Britton

General Comment

I VERY STRONGLY oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the

U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As you know, currently firearms exports are classified as military and therefore are under the regulation of the State

Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. But with the rule change,

Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national

security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.[3]

We are having more than enough problems, especially with automatic weapons, and we definitely DO NOT need to spread that

problem around the world. It sounds like a change for NRA GREED wanting to get more sales with no concern for anyone's welfare.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9436-1kt8 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1840</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Lora Farber

General Comment

This is dangerous. The 3D printing capability is terrifying. You are giving away the safety of our public spaces to the highest bidder. Lives are not less valuable than profits. Do the moral thing and stop this while you can.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9436-n54n **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1841</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: AMY ASSAEL

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9436-2oeu **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1842</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Gabrielle Meeker

General Comment

Firearm exports must stay in the realm of the State Department and not be transferred to Commerce. The Commerce Department is not equipped to handle these exports which are military in nature. The State Department already has what it needs to control this important activity. Changing it to Commerce is not only a waste of resources but reduces the safety of firearm export

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9436-rnt2 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1843</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Terry Travis

General Comment

I adamantly oppose changing the rule that would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department (focused on safeguarding our nation) to the U.S. Commerce Department (focused on promoting American business). This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security. If this rule is changed, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries ere there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey. Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep illegal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9436-g72k **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1844</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Mary Saamann

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

The rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place because:

- 1. It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.
- 2. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.
- 3. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

Say no to the NRA.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9436-js3u **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: <u>DOS-2017-0046-0001</u>

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1845</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Amy Jones

General Comment

Please don't change firearms export regulations. America is already unsafe for the average citizen due to lax firearms regulations. Don't export the dangers of firearms to other countries. Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9436-ci3v **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1846</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Bonnie Gorman

General Comment

gun manufacturers are pushing hard for a rule change that would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department (focused on safeguarding our nation) to the U.S. Commerce Department (focused on promoting American business). This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security.

Please OPPOSE this transfer on grounds of national security.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9436-3lu4 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1847</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Mary T

General Comment

I strongly oppose switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department. The Commerce Department is not equipped to do this work and it would a very irresponsible move that would haunt the U.S. down the road.

Removing this responsibility from the State Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

Beware of the snake that will end up biting its own tail and eating itself alive.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9436-62hz **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1848</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Judith Stone

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

The Commerce Department does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9436-wvcr **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1849</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Kent Minault

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration. It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe. Keep the rules the way they are.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9436-619m **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1850</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Jean Driscoll

General Comment

Where gun sales are concerned, the more regulations and overview the better. All over the world, too many people are being killed unnecessarily. Therefore, it is important to keep this under the State Department instead of the Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9436-2sa2 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1851</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Joanne Tenney

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. This rule change would open new floodgates for arm sales internationally with serious implications for our national security.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9436-vh64 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1852</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Sheila Siegel

General Comment

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9436-5v40 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1853</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I do not think we should be pushing gun sales in other countries. We already have issues with the gun sales happening here

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9436-wsak **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1854</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Joseph Ambat

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department

to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9436-vsf4 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1855</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Suzanne Byron

General Comment

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

Thank you for taking action to help make our country and our world a safer place.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9436-yjc2 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: <u>DOS-2017-0046-0001</u>

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1856</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Diana Dycus

General Comment

I oppose the change, of the Fire Arms Rule from the U.S. Department of State to the U.S. Department of Commerce.

The sale of Fire Arms is a very dangerous and needs to be regulated as such, not like a piece of clothing, toys, or food.

Thank you, Diana Dycus 46304

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9436-5g6h **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1857</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Laura Hanks

General Comment

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

This rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

I strongly oppose this rule change.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9436-4xp6 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I,

II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1858</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Katie Barnett

General Comment

I oppose the proposed rule: International Traffic in Arms Regulations: US Munitions List Categories I, II, and III.

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.[1]

Here are more details on how the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[2]

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[3]

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.[4]

- [1] American Guns Drive the Migrant Crisis That Trump Wants to Fix With a Wall, The Trace, May 25, 2017.
- [2] The Trump administration proposes making gun exports easier. Heres how to submit your public comment on this dangerous proposal, Violence Policy Center.
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As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9436-qlwg **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1859</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

In the name of Americas security, how can you consider letting guns become part of the Commerce Department? We should not be in the business of selling guns we should be limiting the purchase of guns. Stand up for Americans and their security not The NRAs business plan, all guns everywhere, all the time.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9436-viok **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: <u>DOS-2017-0046-0001</u>

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1860</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Patricia Keefe

General Comment

Weapons kill people here and everywhere they are sold around the world. It is time to support nonviolent solutions in areas of conflict and there are organizations ready to do this work (Nonviolent Peaceforce). Violence from weapons causes more violence and much more death and destruction.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9436-tv57 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1861</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Jason Magidson

General Comment

I oppose the proposed gun exports rule change for the following reasons:

It treats semi-automatic assault rifles as non-military, despite their use by U.S. troops, their use by state and non-state groups in armed conflicts, and their prohibition for civilian possession in many countries.

It eliminates Congressional oversight for important gun export deals.

It transfers the cost of processing licenses from gun manufacturers to taxpayers.

It removes statutory license requirements for brokers, increasing risk of trafficking.

It reduces or eliminates end-use controls, such as State Depts Blue Lantern program, and by eliminating registration of firearms exporters, a requirement since the 1940s.

It enables unchecked gun production in the U.S. and exports abroad by removing the block on 3D printing of firearms.

The Commerce Department does not have the resources to enforce export controls, even now.

It reduces transparency and reporting on gun exports.

It transfers gun export licensing from agency with mission to promote stability, conflict reduction, and human rights, to an agency with mission to promote trade.

Firearms are used to kill a thousand people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9436-5hlr **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1862</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Ann Gillespie

General Comment

I think this is a dangerous route to go. There are already too many arms out there. This is just a way to run around oversight. Please resist the NRA's attempt to increase profits for arms manufacturers at the expense of common sense.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9436-dv8e Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1863</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Spenta Cama

General Comment

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

The rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

- **It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.
- **It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.
- **It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

Please do the needful and right thing and keep this with the State Department.

Thank you for your consideration.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9436-yjir **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1864</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Stanley McDonald, Jr.

General Comment

I strongly oppose any transfer of US Arms Regulations from Dept. of State to Dept. of Commerce.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9436-kkot **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1865</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Elizabeth Cunningham

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9436-ihz2 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1866</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Valerie Klauscher

General Comment

I am adamantly opposed to allowing export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms to be overseen by the U.S. Commerce Department rather than the U.S. State Department. This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security.

I also demand that you vet all comments that are posted on both the DOS and BIS sites for bot traffic. I am an actual citizen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, USA.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9436-g2pt **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1867</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Elizabeth Mountsier

General Comment

I vehemently oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. I believe this is counter productive to the American interests and will only bring more instability and violence to other countries. I believe it is critical that the State Department retain the important function of overseeing any types of sales or exports of guns or other military equipment.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9436-ql1r Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1868</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Paula H

General Comment

This is truly outrageous. Neither gun manufacturers, nor the president should have this power. What is happening to our country? It feels like we are becoming a dictatorship and a fascist one at that. This certainly looks like the merger of corporation and state, a large part of the definition of fascism. Our country spreading weapons around the world does not help people or the environment. Congress needs to declare wars and needs to decide on weapons sales.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9436-sny2 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1869</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Daniel Giesy

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

In particular, the interests of the citizens of the United States are better served by the status quo than by the proposed change.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9436-a0j3 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1870</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Sandi Hebley

Organization: Cathedral of Hope

General Comment

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.[4]

Here are more details on how the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

- 1. It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5]
- 2. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6]
- 3. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.[7]

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9436-7jyw **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1871</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Mary Wehrman

General Comment

I oppose this proposed rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. The Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9436-v0hk **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1872</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Richard Crooker

General Comment

The sale of weapons to other countries (or entities therein) should be in a manner which respects said country's laws. It should

be done in a manner which supports, not aggravates, our foreign policy, and therefore oversight belongs with the State Dept.

To shift this responsibility to the Commerce Dept. is to put business first; it makes the U.S. no better than gun runners.

The last thing we need is to export our problems (e.g., assault weapons for individuals, large magazines) to other countries, and

make it harder to work diplomatically with them.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9436-faxh Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1873</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Patricia Morton

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

With this rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

It would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

This is a very bad policy proposal that will make the US less safe.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9436-odsv **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1874</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Andrew Kistler

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. This idea is dangerous and irresponsible.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9436-6yt4 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1875</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Michael Iltis

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9437-r280 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1876</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Phoebe Farag

General Comment

I am against switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department. A switch like this would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

The export of firearms should be done by experts in diplomacy, not experts in business. The United States is already a huge exporter of arms to the world, and changing this rule would make the world even MORE dangerous than it is:

- 1- It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.
- 2- It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.
- 3- It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9437-2hzb **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1877</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Li Goodman

General Comment

I am opposed to a rule change that would move the regulation of firearms and ammunition to the Commerce Department. Selling more weapons to foreign nations will endanger our national security. Remember all the uproar over Fast and Furious?

Remember the arrests over the Iran-Contra Affair?

The world is already a dangerous place without more American weaponry flooding the market.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9437-dpm8 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1878</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Hattie Gerrish

General Comment

I am opposed to these anti-security rule changes.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9437-nveg Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1879</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Joan Russo

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9437-rnn3 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1880</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Karen Naifeh

General Comment

Regulation of fire arms needs to have stronger regulations. Assault weapons need to be banned.

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1881</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Patricia Johnson

General Comment

I am against changing the regulations for the selling of guns to the Commerce Department. The U.S. does not need guns falling into the hands of terrorists all over the world. We have enough problems keeping guns out of peoples hands in our country. How would the Commerce Department ever determine who could buy the guns. Our Countrys safety is more important than increasing gun sales.

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1882</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Marlene R Tendler

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

Further more, changing this rule would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking and it would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9437-c1tt Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1883</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Patricia Malone

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Help keep our nation safer from groups who would rapidly take advantage of this change to stockpile more arms.

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Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1884</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Jackie Weisberg

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9437-xnkn **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1885</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Bertino Marro

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Currently, firearms exports are classified as military and are under the regulation of the State Department, enabling Congress to block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that should be stopped in the name of national security - even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns.

Furthermore, the Commerce Department does not have adequatel resources to enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. Thus firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9437-evow **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1886</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Katherine Wood

General Comment

This proposed change of transfer export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons from US State Department (focused on safeguarding our nation) to the US Commerce Dept. (focused on promoting business & profits) doesn't make any sense. Arms sales internationally has serious implications on national security. I do not trust someone looking to make money to protect my countries security.

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

Are you crazy! This makes me fear for the safety of the country. Business in charge of national security?

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9437-15uw **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1887</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9437-2nzk **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1888</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Patricia Kelcher

General Comment

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5] It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6] It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.[7]

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9437-yxb4 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1889</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Briar Winters

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9437-mo6j **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1890</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Drew Pelton

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. This transfer of authority would open new portals for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security.

With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey. Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9437-15hj **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1891</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Carol Emrick

General Comment

This is a change that is unnecessary and ultimately dangerous. Until we have the safe use of guns in our country and fewer Americans killed or injured seriously then this is an outrageous request.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9437-4on1 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1892</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Chris Chato

General Comment

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries.[2] With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.[3]

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9437-j4vv **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1893</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Cathrine spencer

General Comment

I wish to oppose the rule change that seeks to switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the

U.S. Commerce Department.

Firearms exports are classified as military under the regulation of the State Department. Congress can block sales of large

batches of firearms to foreign countries. If the rule were to change, congress would no longer be automatically informed about

large batches of weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious

human rights concerns. The transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally,

which can add to mounting serious implications for our national security. Therefore, I strongly advocate for serious

consideration of not changing our current regulations structure so we can bolster the safety of our country and the world.

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1894</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Elizabeth Russell

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. We can't even keep our own citizens from using firearms on one another. Why on earth would we want to make it easier to arm the world, just for a buck? Please don't let this insanity move forward.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9437-j5i8 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1895</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Amy Schneider

General Comment

Do not let the NRA push a rule change that would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department (focused on safeguarding our nation) to the U.S. Commerce Department (focused on promoting American business)

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.[4]

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5] It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6] It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1896</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Peggie Jo Vincent

General Comment

I am concerned about a proposed rule change that would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U. S. State Department (focused on safeguarding our nation to the U. S. Commerce Department (focused on promoting American Business). It would remove a program that carries out inspections. It would remove licensing requirements of brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking. It would remove the State Department's block on the 3D printing of firearms. These are all actions that would contribute to dangers to our democracy and to grave dangers to the lives of people around the world.

For these reasons please do not change the State Department rules that now work to keep us safe. For the protection of our democracy and the protection of our lives, please do not change the current rules for the exporting of semi automatic assault weapons.

Sincerely,

Peggie Jo Vincent

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1897</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Elaine Fisher

General Comment

I oppose this change. Don't make it easier to get guns.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9437-tv6k **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1898</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Elizabeth McCloskey

General Comment

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration. The Commerce Department does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

The proposed rule would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking. And it would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

The world does not need any more weapons and the U.S. does not need this rule change. I strongly oppose this proposed rule to change U.S. international arms regulations.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9437-pxnw **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1899</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Jim Coots

General Comment

I strongly oppose the proposed transfer of authority to regulate international sale of firearms from the State Department to the Commerce Department. This dangerous manouvre will open many doors for terrorists and criminals in other countries all for the sake of profits for domestic gun manufacturers and distributors. Shame, shame on the USA if we move forward on this effort to arm the people of the world. Thankfully, other countries do not have a Second Amendment, and we should help keep it that way.

Thank you.
Jim Coots
Long Beach, CA

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9437-qn5e **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1900</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Charmian Tashjian

General Comment

Do not change the rule of arms regulations. Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9437-wcra Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1901</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Eileen Soderstrom

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Firearms are military goods, they are not commercial goods.

The State Department has the Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them. Removing the control of the State Department would end this.

The State Department has enabled a block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

The Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

With the proposed rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

Changing the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9437-s2ib **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1902</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Rivko Knox

General Comment

I am writing as an almost 80 year old 'never-missed voting in any election' mother and grandmother to let my government know that I oppose the rule transferring oversight of small arms/firearms exports from oversight by the State Department to the Commerce Department. The former focuses on intergovernmental relations to include, for example, the impact of exporting small arms to different parts of the world, e.g., increasing gang violence in several Central American countries with a resulting significant increase in migration from those places to the US. The latter focuses only on how it can help US businesses be more successful. And of even greater concern to me is the fact that this proposed rule eliminates congressional oversight of commercial weapons sales of \$1 or more. Why? Who asked for this change? Could it be related to the decreasing domestic sale of guns (we are saturated) and thus the fact that gun manufacturers are looking to expand sales by selling internationally? That is not bad per se but the State Department could weigh that increase in sales against the negatives caused by such sales to the stability of other nations to include how such weapons could get into the hands of terrorists. The Commerce Department does NOT have that expert or focus.

So, again, I say NOT to this proposed rule.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9437-9fxy Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1903</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Gay Kramer-Dodd

General Comment

I am quite disturbed to learn that our government wants to contribute to greater violence, instability, and war in the world. Yet that is what this rule would do, by moving the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security.

I can see why the National Rifle Association is promoting this -- they want to encourage more gun sales. But other than arms manufacturers profits, there is only detriment, not benefit, to everyone else.

This rule change would It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

In the interest of our national security and the safety of people in the US and all over the world, please reject this rule change.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9437-9641 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1904</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Sara DuBois

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of the U.S. State department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Firearms for export are classified as "military". They are under the regulation of the State Department, and, as such, Congress can block sales of firearms to foreign countries. If this rule changes, Congress could no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns. Meanwhile, the the Commerce Department just does not have the resources or manpower to adequately enforce export controls. There would be far fewer hurdles to obtaining large numbers of firearms traffickers, organized crime, and other violent and dangerous agents.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9437-9211 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II,

and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1905 Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

I DO NOT SUPPORT JEORARDIZING LIVES & STABILITY FOR THE SAKE OF \$\$\$.

With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns.

The Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

- It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds
- of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.
- It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.
- It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder

Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged

him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a

printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D

printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9437-t0j2 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I,

II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1906</u> Comment on <u>DOS-2017-0046-0001</u>

Submitter Information

Name: Sara Brandon

General Comment

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

How the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

- -- It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.
- -- It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.
- -- It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not fewer!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9437-r3a8 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1907</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: DAVE VAN DYKE

General Comment

Just what the world needs, more tools to kill each other! I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Where is the simple honesty that recognizes the insanity of the motives of the N.R.A.?

- 1. It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.
- 2. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.
- 3. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

Trump wants to stop Muslims from coming into the U.S. to make us safer. Where then is the logic in exporting weapons to the world?

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9437-jmwk **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1908</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Dee Matkowski

General Comment

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them. [5] It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking. [6] It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9437-ydq4 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1909</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9437-38sl Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1910</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: DAVE VAN DYKE

General Comment

Just what the world needs, more tools to kill each other! I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Where is the simple honesty that recognizes the insanity of the motives of the N.R.A.?

- 1. It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.
- 2. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.
- 3. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

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As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9437-penv **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1911</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Mary Tarallo

General Comment

switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9437-ognl **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1912</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Joe Veltri

General Comment

This is insanity! Please don't allow more weapons in this violent world. Think about humanity. I strongly oppose this change.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9437-3vr1 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1913</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: DAVE VAN DYKE

General Comment

Just what the world needs, more tools to kill each other! I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Where is the simple honesty that recognizes the insanity of the motives of the N.R.A.?

- 1. It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.
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As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9437-nm72 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1914</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

As a United States Citizen I reject the request by the NRA to transfer oversight of gun sales from the State Department to the Department of Commerce

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9437-11b7 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1915</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Susan Singh

General Comment

The sale of firearms should remain under the jurisdiction of the State Department. This agency is better able to protect the safety of American citizens and the well-being of other people in the world. The majority of Americans do not accept the argument of the NRA that we are better off with more weapons in the hands of everyone. Perhaps they argue that case because they are controlled by gun manufacturers.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9437-w6av **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1916</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Gregg Bragg

General Comment

ENOUGH with the MF guns!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9437-h0vn **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1917</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Julia Knight

General Comment

I oppose the firearms rule change!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9437-9abv **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1918</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Stephanie Larson

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9437-snm9 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1919</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Michael Pardee

General Comment

Regulation of Export of firearms and other weapons of war should rightfully remain with the State Department, not Commerce. The driving mandate should be for peace and safety, not commerce.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9437-gqm3 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1920</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I strongly oppose relaxing rules to make it easier for U.S. firearm manufacturers to export assault rifles and other guns, with less oversight and accountability. With gun violence killing 1,000 people around the world every day, I support saving lives as a priority. Thank you for considering my views.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9437-ss3l **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1921</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Robert Karpinski

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department

to the U.S. Commerce Department. I believe that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State

Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove

safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining

weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

In addition, this rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place because:

1. It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out

hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.

- 2. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.
- 3. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed

founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully

charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with

access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively

enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9437-7ghl **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1922</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anne Thomas

General Comment

I am very much opposed to moving regulation of International Traffic in Arms from the State Department to the Department of Commerce. This belongs in the State Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9437-epwg **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1923</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Jackie Ramirez

General Comment

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

Here are more details on how the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9437-1ff6 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1924</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Charles Losasso

General Comment

Who will gain from switching oversight from the State Department to Commerce? It is not everyday people around the world or in the US. It is the gun manufacturers who want to further profits by making others less safe as a result of ineffective oversight by the Commerce Department that has the objective of increasing sales for certain industries. The proposed change should not fool anyone as to what is going on and this scheme should be firmly rejected.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9437-w77g Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1925</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Tina McKim

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Treating international gun sales as a commodity to be ever increased will increase global violence and threaten national security. It would put so many guns into the wrong hands and would be disastrous.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9437-p390 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1926</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Michael Goodman

General Comment

I oppose this rule. This is insane. It would make it easier for gun manufacturers to export weapons to foreign countries

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9437-cun9 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1927</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Marietta Carter

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

Here are more details on how the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

- 1) It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.
- 2) It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.
- 3) It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9437-n1sp Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1928</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: janet perlman

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.[3]

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.[4]

Here are more details on how the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5] It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6] It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department

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successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.[7]

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- [2] Trump wants to make foreign arms sales easier, The Boston Globe, June 23, 2018.
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As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9437-8wcb **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1929</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Jennifer Loudon

General Comment

I absolutely oppose this change. These are weapons of war, and their regulation belongs fully and permanently under the authority of the State Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9437-ugcq **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1930</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Julie Lang

General Comment

Firearms and guns should not be available to the worlds citizens without regulation. We have seen the harm it has done in our own country. A major health epidemic. Guns designed for military use have no place in the hands of children, raged adults. This is absolutely ludicrous!

I urge the US State Department to have some common sense and prevent the release of guns into international traffic. Its the equivalent of sending lyons and tigers and poisonous snakes without any trainers or cages.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9438-34q8 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1931</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: D Bell

General Comment

The NRA and gun manufacturers want guns everywhere, for everyone, not just here in the United States, but around the world. They are pushing hard for a rule change that would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department (focused on safeguarding our nation) to the U.S. Commerce Department (focused on promoting American business). This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security.

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

Here are more details on how the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

- It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.
- It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.

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- It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

I strongly oppose this rule change.

Thank you for reading my comment.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9438-ss0g **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1932</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: M Kirby

General Comment

Please do not proceed with this proposal. Moving the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9438-5m1r **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1933</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

My husband and I oppose the rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9438-nnx2 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1934</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Richard C Russell

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9438-ylbv **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1935</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Sally Shaw

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Arming people in other nations is a matter which should be regulated by those concerned primarily with our safety and security, not by an agency promoting commerce.

Much of the gun-violence around the world is done with American supplied weapons via military sourcing. This too must be curtailed if we want to promote peace. But allowing the sale of firearms to civilians to be overseen by the Commerce Dept. will only exacerbate this violence.

Keep gun exports under the control of the State Department, please.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9438-sbgy **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1936</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: bonnie kohleriter

General Comment

Please don't switch the regulating of firearms sales from the State Dept. to the Commerce Dept. when it comes

to Internat'l sales. The Commerce Dept. doesn't have the safguards the State Dept. has for trying to get weapons into the hands of those who would use them safely. Thank you Bonnie Kohleriter

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9438-t7kh **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1937</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Nancy Roberts-Moneir

General Comment

As long as the export of firearms is under the regulation of the State Department, Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. A rule change that would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department, would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them. With a change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

In addition, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have adequate staff available at the multiple locations necessary. Without adequate controls, firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

The obvious security nightmare such a change would create far outweighs financial benefits to private American weapons manufacturers, and the plan should be not just shelved, but tossed out permanently.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9438-dth8 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I,

II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1938</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

The NRA and gun manufacturers want guns everywhere, for everyone, not just here in the United States, but around the world. If a rule change occurs that would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department (focused on safeguarding our nation) to the U.S. Commerce Department (focused on promoting American business), it would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security.

Now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the insane rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

The rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

- 1. It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.
- 2. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.
- 3. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

The Commerce Department does not have the resources or mission to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. Firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

Firearms are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less! I vigorously oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. I demand that rule change die before human beings do.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9438-rrnu Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1939</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Nick Meek

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9438-8j8d Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1940</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Joanne Hardy

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

Here are more details on how the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

- 1. It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.
- 2. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.
- 3. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9438-9usn **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1941</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Nancy Morimoto

General Comment

I oppose switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department. Guns are clearly in a very separate category from other commercial products. Toasters are not used by terrorists, organized crime, or for political violence.

The United States needs to maintain or even increase strict export controls and rigorous enforcement of firearms trade. The proposed change would remove licensing requirements for brokers, resulting in increased firearms trafficking. This will put many more lives around the world in danger from the unscrupulous use of firearms.

This change would also result in the elimination of the State Department's Blue Lantern program, which carries out hundred of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.

The oversight of the export of items with clear potential military or illegal use should remain with the State Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9438-7e1k **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1942</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Barbara coulson

General Comment

Thank you for allowing me to comment on arms sales to despotic countries.

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey We should not be approving the actions of countries whose leaders kill their own people, nor should the US arms manufacturers be engaged in war profiteering, which is against the law.

We never seem to learn. Time after time we train and arm despots who turn against the U.S. by using the tactics we taught them and using the weapons we sold (or gave) them. No arms manufacturer should be allowed to profit from actions agianst our Government.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9438-y0f2 **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1943</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Sarah Dolley

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9438-hq2i **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories

I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1944</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Ken Koupal

General Comment

Don't allow us to be arms dealers.

I am submitting this comment in strong opposition to the proposed rule to transfer oversight of small arms (firearms) exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department. This rule would make U.S. exports of small arms far more dangerous by transferring controls to an agency that prioritizes doing business over safeguarding national security. The rules elimination of congressional oversight of commercial weapons sales of \$1 million or more is also reckless. This rule has one purpose only: to garner profits for a U.S. gun industry that is faring poorly in the domestic market. It comes after years of lobbying by the NRA and National Shooting Sports Foundation. No one elsed asked for it or wanted it. The NSSF, the trade group for the gun industry, has already boasted the rule would lead to a 20% increase in American gun exports. We see the gun lobbys influence in the rules description of semiautomatic assault rifles like the AR-15 as civilian products. These weapons were not designed for household use, they were designed to kill en masse on the battlefield. That is why they are the weapons of choice for mass shooters. If you go forward with this disastrous policy, I will do everything in my powerpeacefully and democraticallyto hold your leadership accountable for the resulting global bloodshed. That will include advocating against your budget priorities across-the-board until a new, non-corrupt administration can come in and clean house.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9438-z7sm **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1945</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Emma Houseman

General Comment

I feel that regulation of firearms, especially semiautomatic guns and the like, need to remain under the US Department of State. Our countries safety depends on it,

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9438-avns **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1946</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Stephen Ulman

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9438-q7pw **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1947</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

To whom it may concern - as a U.S. resident in the state of Texas, I oppose this rule change that would enable gun sales to other countries. Our own current state of gun mania and lax regulations is killing too many young Americans, we have a moral obligation not to perpetuate this problem in other countries for the sake of corporate greed.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9438-3maz **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1948</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: angelo sturino

General Comment

it is imperative that both society and all sectors too to come to terms of the gun violence that is tearing the core to fragments of our values and democratic society. There is a need to study all levels of society, all levels of education, all levels that measure the core areas of violence Our 2nd amendment assures every US citizen the right to bear arms that is both historical and means more today. However, there is a call for commonsense legislation to assure the above and safety and violence of our US citizens...... What better way to celebrate on this Fourth of July, America's independencethank you.......

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9438-ji2x **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1949</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Terence Travis

General Comment

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

That is why I adamantly oppose changing the rule that would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department (focused on safeguarding our nation) to the U.S. Commerce Department (focused on promoting American business). This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security. If this rule is changed, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries ere there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey. Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep illegal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9438-bfuv **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1950</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Libby Schovajsa

General Comment

This change would make our country and the world more dangerous for all of earth's inhabitants. Please do allow the restrictions on firearms to be loosened. We need more regulations, not less!

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9438-y41i **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1951</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: DeeDee Tostanoski

General Comment

I strongly oppose the removal of international arms regulation from the State Dept to the Commerce Dept. State is in the unique position to evaluate the international impact of arms sales to particular individuals and areas of the world, as well as to identify likely bad actors in this exchange. Arms dealers around the world have been contributing to making the world a more dangerous place, and State has been able to limit some of that impact. The mission of the Department of Commerce is to promote commerce, not to secure the safety of the world's citizens. This shift in responsibility is ill-advised and will have dangerous repercussions.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9438-86cv **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1952</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Joel Trupin

General Comment

We don't need guns. They are harmful to our country and to other countries to whom we sell them. The claim that the 2nd Amendment protects gun ownership is erroneous. It was written in 1791 and applied to militia, which are no longer our means of defense. The gun manufacturer's lobby, the NRA, has generated political pressure to defeat laws regulating gun ownership, thereby creating serious social problems in the U.S., from a high incidence of gun deaths to crime, racism and drugs. The political will to defeat the NRA and institute regulation of gun sales and ownership is on the horizon. If our politicians don't take action, our youth will.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9438-6uxz Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1953</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: LTC (ret.) Jose Cruz

General Comment

I condemn this in the strongest possible manner. There is NO reason for the State Department to abdicate this responsibility, which helps keep US secure. Transferring this authority to the Commerce Department, which is only interested in making profits for corporate America, even if it results in mass slaughters in other countries as we see in the US today, is abominable. DO NOT PROCEED WITH THIS TRANSFER OF AUTHORITY!

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9438-4tih Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1954</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Seren Bradshaw

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Guns, especially military-grade weapons, need to be strictly controlled and not be used solely as a source of commercial revenue. Put me down as a NO vote on this proposed rule change.

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9438-oxr8 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1955</u> Comment on <u>DOS-2017-0046-0001</u>

Submitter Information

Name: Margaret Randall

General Comment

To whom it may concern,

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department for the following reasons.

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department insures the world will be a far more dangerous place because this action would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

It would also eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.

It would increase the risk of trafficking by removing licensing requirements for brokers,.

It would also remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. This would make it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere around the globe, to produce a lethal weapon. When Defense Distributed founder, Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws. This rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

Thank you for your consideration & time.

Respectfully yours, Margaret Randall

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1956</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Henrietta Wise

General Comment

FORBID ALL IMPORT AND EXPORT OF ANY KIND OF GUN TO OR FROM ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD!

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1957</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Elliot Daniels

General Comment

I oppose the proposed rule to transfer authority for export control licensing of firearms from State Dept/ITAR to the Dept of Commerce.

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1958</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Judith Herzfeld

General Comment

Increasing international sales of guns will just increase violence in receiving countries and drive more refugees to our borders. Don't we have enough of that already?

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1959</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Meredith Faltin

General Comment

Please make guns less, not more available!

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1960</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Alisheba Hurwitz

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department. This rule will remove safeguards against dangerous arms deals.

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1961</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: George Fuller

General Comment

I oppose the proposed rule for the following reasons:

The proposed rule treats semi-automatic assault rifles as non-military. But many state and non-state groups in importing countries use semi-automatic rifles in armed conflicts, causing enormous damage. U.S. troops use rifles in semi-automatic mode an overwhelming amount of the time. Regarding wide retail availability of firearms, about which comment has been requested, many countries prohibit civilian possession of semi-automatic rifles and handguns, as well as of any larger caliber firearm. Because military-style assault rifles clearly have substantial military utility, transfer of these firearms to Commerce Department control is inconsistent with the statutory framework enacted by the Congress to regulate the export of arms.

The proposed rule would eliminate Congressional oversight for important gun export deals. Congress will no longer be automatically informed about sizable sales of these weapons. That will limit its ability to comment on related human rights concerns, as it recently did on the Philippines and Turkey.[2] Congressional action in 2002 required sales of firearms regulated by the US Munitions List valued at \$1 million or more be notified to Congress. Items moved to Commerce control would no longer be subject to such notification. In a September 15, 2017, letter, Senators Benjamin Cardin, Dianne Feinstein, and Patrick Leahy explicitly noted that this move would violate Congressional intent and effectively eliminate Congress proper role.

The new rules would transfer the cost of processing licenses from gun manufacturers to taxpayers. Registration fees that since the 1940s have been used to offset the costs to the government of tracking who is manufacturing weapons would no longer apply to manufacturers of semi-automatic weapons, and Commerce does not charge any fee for licensing. So the government i.e., taxpayers will absorb the cost of reviewing applications and processing licenses.

The rule reduces end-use controls for gun exports. It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program for gun and ammunition exports, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them. It also would move license approval out of the department that compiles the U.S. Governments information on human rights violations, reducing the ability to effectively deny weapons licenses to international human rights violators. End-use controls also are weakened by eliminating registration of firearms exporters, a requirement since the 1940s. Registration of exporters allows the State Department to check an exporters history whenever a manufacturer or

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broker requests a license for a particular gun export sale. But the transfer of licensing to Commerce will remove new exporters and brokers of these firearms from the State Department database, weakening enforcement against arms trafficking.

The rule enables unchecked gun production in the U.S. and exports abroad by removing the block on 3D printing of firearms. Unless corrected, the new regulations run the risk of effectively condoning and enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe. By effectively eliminating many means to detect firearms, background checks on domestic sales and end-use controls on international exports for such weapons, this change could generate many preventable tragedies.

The Commerce Department does not have resources to enforce export controls, even before the addition of 10,000 firearms export license applicants as a result of this rule predicted by Commerce.[4] Moreover, the State Department has developed extensive data, expertise and institutional relations to implement the Leahy Law for security assistance, which can serve as a critical foundation in both pre-license and post-shipment checks to control and verify end uses and end users. Commerce does not have these resources. This rule would transfer gun export licensing to an agency the Commerce Department whose principle mission is to promote trade. Firearms, both assault weapons and non-semi-automatic weapons, are uniquely and pervasively used in criminal violence around the world. Controlling their export should be handled by the State Department, which is mandated and structured to address the potential impacts in importing nations on stability, human security, conflict, and human rights.

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1962</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Henrietta Wise

General Comment

Call any sale or passage of any form of gun or guns to or from anywhere in the world to or from anywhere in the world a "weapon" or "weapons" and forbid the passage of that gun or guns.

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1963</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: LK WOODRUFF

General Comment

Short version:

The NRA is currently the USA's public enemy #1.

They are even more destructive than the Trump regime.

And now they plan to expand their diabolical mission worldwide.

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1964</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I oppose the transfer of authorization of export sales of firearms from the US State Dept to the US Commerce Dept, this is a dangerous and reckless policy ...the State Sept should always have authority and discernment regarding any weapons.

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1965</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: J PR

General Comment

Do NOT make the switch from arms control being in the hands of the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. The State Dept is better suited to oversee the protections of US citizens whereas the Commerce Dept has the desires of gun manufacturers and promoters at the fore. We need FEWER guns not MORE. We need GREATER oversight and protections not LESS!

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1966</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Daniel Cavanaugh

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1967</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Philip Moulden

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1968</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: kristin carstarphen

General Comment

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1969</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Mary Ann and Frank Graffagnino

General Comment

Dear Sir/Madam,

My husband and I are very concerned and strongly oppose the rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Simply put, the NRA and gun manufacturers want guns everywhere, for everyone, not just here in the United States, but around the world. They are pushing hard for a rule change that would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department (focused on safeguarding our nation) to the U.S. Commerce Department (focused on promoting American business). This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security.

We support the fact that right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

More specifically, we strongly oppose this rule change for the following reasons:

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- -It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.
- -It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.
- -It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

So for all the above reasons, IT IS THE RIGHT, FAIR, JUST, HUMANE AND HEALTHY ACTION TO oppose the rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department!!!!!!!!!!

Sincerely yours, Mary Ann and Frank Graffagnino Tucson, AZ

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1970</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Ruth Sheldon

General Comment

Please, please, please do not make this rule change. It is bad for everyone except those who profit from gun sales and they profit too much already.

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1971</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

this should be unconstitutional due to the liabilities to our own military abroad and us police agencies involved with the heroin trade.

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1972</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Elizabeth Songalia

General Comment

Firearms exports must continue to be classified as military. They must remain under the regulation of the State Department so Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries.

I am opposed to switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department because this change would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

The State Departments Blue Lantern program must not be eliminated.

Licensing requirements for brokers must not be eliminated.

The State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms must not be eliminated.

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1973</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Craig Coulter

General Comment

I oppose this new action. Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

Here are more details on how the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

Please consider all of this and deny the proposed rule.

Sincerely,

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Comment On: <u>DOS-2017-0046-0001</u>

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1974</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Nydia Leaf

Organization: Granny Peace Brigade

General Comment

To the U.S. State Department - To Whom It May Concern:

My family and I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. It is a matter of national security - we must not and cannot permit any change that will open the floodgates of weapons trading.

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1975</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Edward Rengers

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

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and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1976</u> Comment on <u>DOS-2017-0046-0001</u>

Submitter Information

Name: Susan Edelstein

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

The rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

- 1 It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.
- 2 It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.
- 3 It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1977</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: randall potts

General Comment

I strongly oppose the Rule change in International Traffic in Arms Regulation. This is a terrible change to longstanding and effective regulation of international arms sales from the USA that will not only harm our standing in the civilized western world, but also help arm the worst war criminals who oppress their own people.

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

Here are more details on how the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

The only beneficiaries of this rule change are gun manufactures, arms dealers and the vermin they arm. This makes the USA less safe and compromises our moral standing and values. This change is totally against the interests of USA citizens. Please do not do it.

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1978</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Lois Feuer

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. The rule change would make such sales a matter of money rather than one of national/international defense and security. We do harm to our own and other nations when we supply deadly weapons to terrorists and lawless governments.

This kind of sale alienates law-abiding nations (of which we should be the leader), betrays international agreements, and foments violence around the world.

For these reasons I oppose the change.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9439-sxhv **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1979</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Diane Kent

General Comment

I strongly oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As of: November 29, 2018 **Tracking No.** 1k2-9439-doug **Comments Due:** July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1980</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Cornelia Shearer

General Comment

I have recently learned that not only are there a gut of all kinds of guns in the U. S., but drug smugglers are bringing guns across the border into Mexico contributing to the violence of the gangs there that keep that country in a state of semi warfare with the citizens.

We desperately need to find ways that decrease the huge number of guns available in the U.S. The second amendment does not say that each citizen has the right to act as though they are an independent militia.

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1981</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Ireri Bravo

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1982</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Karl Hamann

General Comment

I am completely opposed to the NRA's shameless bid to flood the world with US made weapons. Moving the authority for weapons sales to the Dept. of Commerce is a cynical ploy, and must not stand!

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1983</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: William 'Skip Dykoski

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1984</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Rebecca tippens

General Comment

Please do not move from the state department oversight of arms' shipments:

switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.[4]

Changing the process would make the world a far more dangerous place:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5] It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6] It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.[7]

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1985</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Mary Duerksen

General Comment

I oppose moving the regulation of firearms exports from the Department of State to Department of Commerce. This change would make the world a more dangerous place:

- -It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.
- -It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.
- -It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

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I, II, and III

Comment On: <u>DOS-2017-0046-0001</u>

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1986</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: leora douraghy

General Comment

I oppose the rule change to switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Under the State Department, the sale of weapons is strategic, under the Department of Commerce the sale of weapons would be horrific, turning a once benevolent Uncle Sam into a merchant of death.

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1987</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Pennie Heath

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1988</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Mary-Beth Santarelli

General Comment

PLEASE DO NOT MAKE IT EASY FOR PEOPLE OUTSIDE THE USA TO GET AMERICAN GUNS AND AMMO. THESE WILL ONLY BE USED AGAINST USAND ALSO TO HARM OTHERS.

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Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1989</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: robin waterhouse

General Comment

no assualt rifles, no automatic rifles no need for peons to have them. i am sure the preppers have alot.

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1990</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Nancy O'Byrne

General Comment

This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security. I oppose this proposed rule.

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1991</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Cheryl Pressgrove

General Comment

We have enough gun violence in our country without exporting it to others. We have immigrants fleeing violence in their countries and seeking asylum in the US. Greed should not dictate our moral obligations to our fellow man/womankind!

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I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: <u>DOS-2017-0046-1992</u> Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Adina Parsley Organization: none

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey. Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

Leave firearm export regulations with the State Department whose primary interest is national security and not with the Commerce Department whose primary interest is promoting American business.